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HENRY STEVENS,
Barnet, Vt.

IN Paradise, the tree
Of knowledge was the pride;
By God's supreme decree,
The man who eat—*then died.*

But Heaven in mercy since
Does him who tastes forgive;
To *know*, is no offence;
Now, he who eats—*shall live.*

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BEGUN and held at the Capitol, in the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the thirteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty, being the *Second Session* of the SIXTEENTH CONGRESS, under the Constitution of Government of the United States.

On which day, being the day fixed by law for the meeting of Congress, *Thomas Dougherty*, the Clerk, and the following Members of the House of Representatives, appeared and took their seats:

FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE,

{ Joseph Buffum, Jr.
Josiah Butler,
Clifton Clagett,
William Plumer, Jr.
Nathaniel Upham.

FROM MASSACHUSETTS,

{ Benjamin Adams,
Samuel C. Allen,
Joshua Cushman,
Timothy Fuller,
Mark L. Hill,
Jonas Kendall,
Enoch Lincoln,
Marcus Morton,
Jeremiah Nelson,
James Parker,
Henry Shaw.

From RHODE ISLAND,

{ Samuel Eddy,
Nathaniel Hazard.

From CONNECTICUT,

{ Henry W. Edwards,
Samuel A. Foot,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Elisha Phelps,
John Russ,
James Stevens,
Gideon Tomlinson.

From VERMONT,

{ Samuel C. Crafts,
Rollin C. Mallary,
Ezra Meech,
Mark Richards,
William Strong.

From NEW YORK,

{ Nathaniel Allen,
Caleb Baker,
Walter Case,
Robert Clark,
Jacob H. De Witt,
John D. Dickinson,
John Fay,
William D. Ford,
Ezra C. Gross,
Aaron Hackley, jr.
George Hall,
Henry Meigs,
Robert Monell,
Nathaniel Pitcher,
Jonathan Richmond,
Henry R. Storrs,
Randall S. Street,
James Strong,
John W. Taylor,
Caleb Tompkins,
Albert H. Tracy,
Solomon Van Rensselaer
Peter H. Wendover,
Silas Wood.

From NEW JERSEY,

{ Ephraim Bateman,
Joseph Bloomfield,
Charles Kinsey,
John Linn,
Bernard Smith.

FROM PENNSYLVANIA,

Henry Baldwin,
William Darlington,
Samuel Edwards,
Thomas Forrest,
Samuel Gross,
Joseph Hemphill,
Jacob Hibshman,
Jacob Hostetter,
William P. Maclay,
David Marchand,
Robert Moore,
Samuel Moore,
John Murray,
Thomas Patterson,
Robert Philson,
Thomas J. Rogers,
John Sergeant,
James M. Wallace.

FROM DELAWARE,

Louis M' Lane.

FROM MARYLAND,

Stephenson Archer,
Joseph Kent,
Peter Little,
Samuel Ringgold,
Samuel Smith,
Henry R. Warfield.

FROM VIRGINIA,

Mark Alexander,
William S. Archer,
William A. Burwell,
Robert S. Garnett,
James Jones,
Charles F. Mercer,
Hugh Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Randolph,
Ballard Smith,
Alexander Smyth,
Thomas V. Swearingen,
George Tucker,
Jared Williams.

FROM NORTH CAROLINA,

John Culpepper,
Weldon N. Edwards,
Thomas H. Hall,
Charles Hooks,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Jesse Slocumb,
James S. Smith,
Felix Walker,
Lewis Williams.

FROM SOUTH CAROLINA,	{ Joseph Brevard, William Lowndes, John M'Creary, James Overstreet, Starling Tucker.
FROM GEORGIA,	{ Joel Abbot, Thomas W. Cobb.
FROM KENTUCKY,	{ Richard C. Anderson, jr. William Brown, Alney M'Lean, Thomas Metcalfe, George Robertson, David Trimble.
FROM TENNESSEE,	{ Newton Cannon, Francis Jones, John Rhea.
FROM OHIO,	{ Philemon Beecher, Henry Brush, John W. Campbell, John Sloan.
FROM LOUISIANA,	Thomas Butler.
FROM INDIANA,	William Hendricks.
FROM ILLINOIS,	Daniel P. Cook.
FROM ALABAMA,	John Crowell.

The following new members also appeared, to wit:

From Massachusetts, William Eustis, in the room of Edward Dowse, resigned;

From Pennsylvania, Thomas G. McCullough, in the room of David Fullerton, resigned;

From Virginia, John C. Gray, in the room of James Johnson, resigned, Edward B. Jackson, in the room of James Pindall, resigned, and Thomas L. Moore, in the room of George F. Strother, resigned;

From Kentucky, Thomas Montgomery, in the room of Tunstal Quarles, resigned, and Francis Johnson, in the room of David Walker, deceased;

Who severally produced their credentials, and took their seats.

John Scott, the delegate from the territory of Missouri, and James Woodson Bates, the delegate from the territory of Arkansas, also appeared and took their seats.

And a quorum, consisting of a majority of the whole number of members of the House, being present,

The Clerk laid before the House the following communication, viz:

Lexington, K. 28th October, 1820.

SIR: I will thank you to communicate to the House of Representatives, that, owing to imperious circumstances, I shall not be able to

attend upon it until after the Christmas Holidays, and to respectfully ask it to allow me to resign the office of its Speaker, which I have the honor to hold, and to consider this as the act of my resignation. I beg the House also to permit me to reiterate the expression of my sincere acknowledgments and unaffected gratitude for the distinguished consideration which it has uniformly manifested for me.

I have the honor to be, with great esteem,

Your faithful and obedient servant,

H. CLAY.

Thomas Dougherty, Esq.

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The House then proceeded, by ballot, to the election of a Speaker, and, upon an examination of the several ballots to the seventh, inclusive, it appeared that no choice had been made.

A motion was then made and seconded, that the House do now adjourn.

And the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow 12 o'clock.

TUESDAY, November 14, 1820.

Several other members appeared and took their seats, to wit:

From New Hampshire, Arthur Livermore; from Massachusetts, Martin Kinsley; from New Jersey, Henry Southard; from Pennsylvania, Christian Tarr; from Maryland, Raphael Neale; from Virginia, William Lee Ball, Philip P. Barbour, and William M'Coy; from South Carolina, Elias Earle; from Tennessee, John Cocke; and from Ohio, Thomas R. Ross.

The House then again proceeded, by ballot, to the election of a Speaker, and upon an examination of the several ballots to the nineteenth, inclusive, it appeared that no choice had been made.

A motion was then made and seconded, that the House do now adjourn.

And the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative.

The house then adjourned until to-morrow 12 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, November 15, 1820.

Several other members appeared, and took their seats, to wit:

From Vermont, Charles Rich; from Pennsylvania, George Dennison; from Maryland, Thomas Bayly; from North Carolina, Charles Fisher; and from South Carolina, Eldred Simkins.

The House then again proceeded by ballot to the election of a Speaker, and, upon an examination of the twenty-second ballot, it appeared that JOHN W. TAYLOR, one of the representatives from the state of New York, was duly elected: Whereupon,

Mr. Taylor was conducted to the Speaker's chair, from which he made his acknowledgments to the House in the words following:

GENTLEMEN: *I approach the station to which your favor invites me, greatly distrusting my ability to fulfil your just expectations. Although the duties of the chair have become less arduous by improvements in its practice during the administration of my distinguished predecessor, I should not venture to assume their responsibilities without a firm reliance on your indulgent support. In all deliberative assemblies, the preservation of order must depend, in a greater degree, upon the members at large, than upon any efforts of a presiding officer. The forbearance and decorum which characterised this House in its former session, at a period of peculiar excitement, afford, of their continued exercise, a happy anticipation. For the confidence with which you have honored me, be pleased to accept my profound acknowledgments. In my best endeavors to merit your approbation, which shall not be intermitted, I can promise nothing more than diligence, and a constant aim at impartiality. I can hope for nothing greater than that these endeavors may not prove altogether unavailing.*

On motion of Mr. Nelson, of Virginia,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate, to inform them that a quorum of this House is assembled; that they have elected John W. Taylor, one of the Representatives from the state of New York, their Speaker, in the room of Henry Clay, resigned, and are now ready to proceed to business; and that the Clerk go with the said message.

The following new members, who appeared on the 13th inst., to wit: From Massachusetts, William Eustis; from Pennsylvania, Thomas G. M'Cullough; from Virginia, John C. Gray, Edward B. Jackson, and Thomas L. Moore; and from Kentucky, Thomas Montgomery and Francis Johnson; were then sworn by the Speaker, to support the constitution of the United States, as prescribed by the act, entitled "An act to regulate the time and manner of administering certain oaths."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the House, that a quorum of the Senate is assembled, and is ready to proceed to business. They have passed a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications he may be pleased to make to them; and have appointed a committee on their part. They have passed a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee for Enrolled Bills, and have appointed Mr. Wilson of the said committee on their part. They have also passed a resolution for the appointment of two Chaplains to Congress, for the present session, one by each House, who shall interchange weekly; in which resolutions they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said resolutions were read and severally concurred in by the House; and

Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, and Mr. Moseley, were appointed of the committee to wait on the President of the United States; and

Mr. Darlington and Mr. Foot were appointed of the committee for Enrolled Bills, on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Hill,

Resolved, that the Clerk furnish the members with such newspapers as they may elect; the expense of each member not to exceed the price of three daily papers.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of North Carolina,

Ordered, That the daily hour to which the House shall stand adjourned, be 12 o'clock, until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Slocumb,

Resolved, That this House will to-morrow at one o'clock P. M., proceed to the election of a Chaplain, on their part.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Resolved, That the House do now proceed to the appointment of the standing committees, pursuant to the rules and orders of the House: Whereupon,

A Committee of Elections was appointed, consisting of Mr. Trimble, Mr. Tarr, Mr. Tucker of South Carolina, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Clark, Mr. Hooks, and Mr. Moore of Virginia.

A Committee of Ways and Means was appointed, consisting of Mr. Smith of Maryland, Mr. M'Lane of Delaware, Mr. Burwell, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Tracy, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Jones of Tennessee.

A Committee of Claims was appointed, consisting of Mr. Williams of North Carolina, Mr. Rich, Mr. M'Coy, Mr. Samuel Moore, Mr. Hackley, Mr. Edwards of Connecticut, and Mr. Metcalfe.

A Committee of Commerce was appointed, consisting of Mr. Newton, Mr. Tomlinson, Mr. Mallary, Mr. Nelson of Mass. Mr. Hill, Mr. Wendover, and Mr. Abbot.

A Committee of the Public Lands was appointed, consisting of Mr. Anderson, Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Ballard Smith, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Monell, and Mr. Brush.

A Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads was appointed, consisting of Mr. Livermore, Mr. Culpepper, Mr. Russ, Mr. Tompkins, Mr. Kinsley, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Gray.

A Committee for the District of Columbia was appointed, consisting of Mr. Kent, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Neale, Mr. Swearingen, Mr. Smith of New Jersey, Mr. Meigs, and Mr. M'Cullough.

A Committee on the Judiciary was appointed, consisting of Mr. Sergeant, Mr. Beecher, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Brevard, Mr. Lincoln, Mr. Tucker of Va. and Mr. Plumer.

A Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims was appointed, consisting of Mr. Rhea, Mr. Maclay, Mr. Brown, Mr. Allen of Mass. Mr. Linn, Mr. Street, and Mr. Jones of Va.

A Committee on Public Expenditures was appointed, consisting of Mr. Simkins, Mr. Slocumb, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Cobb, Mr. Adams, Mr. Ford, and Mr. Montgomery.

A Committee on Private Land Claims was appointed, consisting of Mr. Campbell, Mr. Butler of Louisiana, Mr. Robert Moore, Mr. Eddy, Mr. Pitcher, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Crowell.

A Committee on Manufactures was appointed, consisting of Mr.

Baldwin, Mr. Allen of New York, Mr. Little, Mr. M'Lean of Kentucky, Mr. Parker of Massachusetts, Mr. Kinsey, and Mr. Fisher.

A Committee on Agriculture was appointed, consisting of Mr. Forrest, Mr. Clagett, Mr. Meech, Mr. Richmond, Mr. Ringgold, Mr. Garnett, and Mr. Earle.

A Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business was appointed, consisting of Mr. Morton, Mr. Butler of New Hampshire, and Mr. Ball.

A Committee of Accounts was appointed, consisting of Mr. Smith of N. Carolina, Mr. Bateman, and Mr. Upham.

Mr. Nelson, of Va. from the joint committee appointed to wait on the President of the U. States, and inform him that a quorum of the two houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make to them, reported that the committee had performed that service, and that the President answered, that he would make a communication to the two houses of Congress forthwith.

A communication, in writing, was then received from the President of the United States, by Mr. James Monroe, jr. his secretary, who delivered in the same at the Speaker's table, and withdrew.

The said communication was read in the words following:

FELLOW-CITIZENS OF THE SENATE,

AND OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

IN communicating to you a just view of public affairs, at the commencement of your present labors, I do it with great satisfaction; because, taking all circumstances into consideration which claim attention, I see much cause to rejoice in the felicity of our situation. In making this remark, I do not wish to be understood to imply that an unvaried prosperity is to be seen in every interest of this great community. In the progress of a nation, inhabiting a territory of such vast extent and great variety of climate, every portion of which is engaged in foreign commerce, and liable to be affected, in some degree, by the changes which occur in the condition and regulations of foreign countries, it would be strange, if the produce of our soil and the industry and enterprize of our fellow-citizens received at all times, and in every quarter, an uniform and equal encouragement. This would be more than we have a right to expect, under circumstances the most favorable. Pressures on certain interests, it is admitted, have been felt; but, allowing to these their greatest extent, they detract but little from the force of the remark already made. In forming a just estimate of our present situation, it is proper to look at the whole; in the outline, as well as in the detail. A free, virtuous, and enlightened people know well the great principles and causes on which their happiness depends; and even those who suffer most, occasionally, in their transitory concerns, find great relief under their sufferings, from the blessings which they otherwise enjoy, and in the consoling and animating hope which they administer. From whence do these pressures come? Not from a government which is founded by, administered for, and supported by, the people. We trace them

to the peculiar character of the epoch in which we live, and to the extraordinary occurrences which have signalized it. The convulsions with which several of the powers of Europe have been shaken, and the long and destructive wars in which all were engaged, with their sudden transition to a state of peace, presenting, in the first instance, unusual encouragement to our commerce, and withdrawing it in the second, even within its wonted limit, could not fail to be sensibly felt here. The station too which we had to support through this long conflict, compelled, as we were, finally, to become a party to it with a principal power, and to make great exertions, suffer heavy losses, and to contract considerable debts, disturbing the ordinary course of affairs, by augmenting, to a vast amount, the circulating medium, and thereby elevating, at one time, the price of every article above a just standard, and depressing it at another below it, had, likewise, its due effect.

It is manifest that the pressures of which we complain have proceeded, in a great measure, from these causes. When, then, we take into view the prosperous and happy condition of our country, in all the great circumstances which constitute the felicity of a nation—every individual in the full enjoyment of all his rights; the Union blessed with plenty, and rapidly rising to greatness, under a national government, which operates with complete effect in every part, without being felt in any, except by the ample protection which it affords, and under state governments which perform their equal share, according to a wise distribution of power between them, in promoting the public happiness—it is impossible to behold so gratifying, so glorious a spectacle; without being penetrated with the most profound and grateful acknowledgments to the Supreme Author of all good for such manifold and inestimable blessings. Deeply impressed with these sentiments, I cannot regard the pressures to which I have adverted otherwise than in the light of mild and instructive admonitions; warning us of dangers to be shunned in future; teaching us lessons of economy, corresponding with the simplicity and purity of our institutions, and best adapted to their support; evincing the connection and dependance which the various parts of our happy Union have on each other, thereby augmenting daily our social incorporation, and adding, by its strong ties, new strength and vigor to the political; opening a wider range, and with new encouragements, to the industry and enterprise of our fellow-citizens at home and abroad; and more especially by the multiplied proofs which it has accumulated of the great perfection of our most excellent system of government, the powerful instrument, in the hands of an all-merciful Creator, in securing to us these blessings.

Happy as our situation is, it does not exempt us from solicitude and care for the future. On the contrary, as the blessings which we enjoy are great, proportionably great should be our vigilance, zeal, and activity, to preserve them. Foreign wars may again expose us to new wrongs, which would impose on us new duties, for which we ought to be prepared. The state of Europe is unsettled,

and how long peace may be preserved is altogether uncertain; in addition to which, we have interests of our own to adjust, which will require particular attention. A correct view of our relations with each power will enable you to form a just idea of existing difficulties, and of the measures of precaution best adapted to them.

Respecting our relations with Spain, nothing explicit can now be communicated. On the adjournment of Congress in May last, the Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States, at Madrid, was instructed to inform the government of Spain, that, if his Catholic Majesty should then ratify the treaty, this government would accept the ratification, so far as to submit to the decision of the Senate, the question, whether such ratification should be received in exchange for that of the United States, heretofore given. By letters from the minister of the United States to the Secretary of State, it appears, that a communication, in conformity with his instructions, had been made to the government of Spain, and that the Cortes had the subject under consideration. The result of the deliberation of that body, which is daily expected, will be made known to Congress as soon as it is received. The friendly sentiment which was expressed on the part of the United States, in the message of the 9th of May last, is still entertained for Spain. Among the causes of regret, however, which are inseparable from the delay attending this transaction, it is proper to state that satisfactory information has been received, that measures have been recently adopted, by designing persons, to convert certain parts of the province of East Florida into depots for the reception of foreign goods, from whence to smuggle them into the United States. By opening a port within the limits of Florida, immediately on our boundary, where there was no settlement, the object could not be misunderstood. An early accommodation of differences will, it is hoped, prevent all such fraudulent and pernicious practices, and place the relations of the two countries on a very amicable and permanent basis.

The commercial relations between the United States and the British colonies in the West Indies, and on this continent, have undergone no change; the British government still preferring to leave that commerce under the restriction heretofore imposed on it, on each side. It is satisfactory to recollect, that the restraints resorted to by the United States were defensive only, intended to prevent a monopoly, under British regulations, in favor of Great Britain; as it likewise is, to know that the experiment is advancing in a spirit of amity between the parties.

The question depending between the United States and Great Britain, respecting the construction of the first article of the treaty of Ghent, has been referred, by both governments, to the decision of the Emperor of Russia, who has accepted the umpirage.

An attempt has been made with the government of France, to regulate, by treaty, the commerce between the two countries, on the principle of reciprocity and equality. By the last communication from the Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States at Paris, to whom full

power had been given, we learn that the negotiation had been commenced there; but, serious difficulties having occurred, the French government had resolved to transfer it to the United States, for which purpose the Minister Plenipotentiary of France had been ordered to repair to this city, and whose arrival might soon be expected. It is hoped that this important interest may be arranged on just conditions, and in a manner equally satisfactory to both parties. It is submitted to Congress to decide, until such arrangement is made, how far it may be proper, on the principle of the act of the last session, which augmented the tonnage duty on French vessels, to adopt other measures for carrying more completely into effect the policy of that act.

The act referred to, which imposed new tonnage on French vessels, having been in force from and after the first day of July, it has happened that several vessels of that nation which had been despatched from France before its existence was known, have entered the ports of the United States, and been subject to its operation, without that previous notice which the general spirit of our laws gives to individuals in similar cases. The object of that law having been merely to countervail the inequalities which existed to the disadvantage of the United States, in their commercial intercourse with France, it is submitted, also, to the consideration of Congress, whether, in the spirit of amity and conciliation which it is no less the inclination than the policy of the United States to preserve in their intercourse with other powers, it may not be proper to extend relief to the individuals interested in those cases, by exempting from the operation of the law all those vessels which have entered our ports without having had the means of previously knowing the existence of the additional duty.

The contest between Spain and the Colonies, according to the most authentic information, is maintained by the latter with improved success. The unfortunate divisions which were known to exist some time since, at Buenos Ayres, it is understood, still prevail. In no part of South America has Spain made any impression on the Colonies, while, in many parts, and particularly in Venezuela and New Grenada, the Colonies have gained strength and acquired reputation, both for the management of the war, in which they have been successful, and for the order of the internal administration. The late change in the government of Spain, by the re-establishment of the constitution of 1812, is an event which promises to be favorable to the revolution. Under the authority of the Cortes, the Congress of Angostura was invited to open a negotiation for the settlement of differences between the parties, to which it was replied, that they would willingly open the negotiation, provided the acknowledgment of their independence was made its basis, but not otherwise. Of further proceedings between them we are uninformed. No facts are known to this government, to warrant the belief, that any of the powers of Europe will take part in the contest; whence, it may be inferred, considering all circumstances, which must have weight in producing the result, that an adjustment will finally take place, on the basis proposed by the Colonies. To promote that result, by friendly

counsels, with other powers, including Spain herself, has been the uniform policy of this government.

In looking to the internal concerns of our country, you will, I am persuaded, derive much satisfaction from a view of the several objects to which, in the discharge of your official duties, your attention will be drawn. Among these, none holds a more important place than the public revenue, from the direct operation of the power, by which it is raised, on the people, and by its influence in giving effect to every other power of the government. The revenue depends on the resources of the country, and the facility by which the amount required is raised, is a strong proof of the extent of the resources, and of the efficiency of the government. A few prominent facts will place this great interest in a just light before you. On the 30th of September, 1815, the funded and floating debt of the United States was estimated at one hundred and nineteen millions six hundred and thirty-five thousand five hundred and fifty-eight dollars. If to this sum be added the amount of five per cent. stock subscribed to the Bank of the United States, the amount of Mississippi stock, and of the stock which was issued subsequently to that date, the balances ascertained to be due to certain states, for military services, and to individuals, for supplies furnished, and services rendered, during the late war, the public debt may be estimated as amounting, at that date, and as afterwards liquidated, to one hundred and fifty-eight millions seven hundred and thirteen thousand forty-nine dollars. On the 30th of September, 1820, it amounted to ninety-one millions nine hundred and ninety-three thousand eight hundred and eighty-three dollars, having been reduced in that interval, by payments, sixty-six millions eight hundred and seventy-nine thousand one hundred and sixty-five dollars. During this term, the expenses of the government of the United States were likewise defrayed, in every branch of the civil, military, and naval establishments; the public edifices in this city have been rebuilt, with considerable additions; extensive fortifications have been commenced, and are in a train of execution; permanent arsenals and magazines have been erected in various parts of the Union; our navy has been considerably augmented, and the ordnance, munitions of war, and stores, of the army and navy, which were much exhausted during the war, have been replenished.

By the discharge of so large a proportion of the public debt, and the execution of such extensive and important operations, in so short a time, a just estimate may be formed of the great extent of our national resources. The demonstration is the more complete and gratifying, when it is recollected that the direct tax and excise were repealed soon after the termination of the late war, and that the revenue applied to these purposes has been derived almost wholly from other sources.

The receipts into the Treasury, from every source, to the 30th of September last, have amounted to sixteen millions seven hundred and ninety-four thousand one hundred and seven dollars and sixty-six cents; whilst the public expenditures, to the same period, amounted

to sixteen millions eight hundred and seventy-one thousand five hundred and thirty-four dollars and seventy-two cents; leaving in the Treasury, on that day, a sum estimated at one million nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars. For the probable receipts of the following year, I refer you to the statement which will be transmitted from the Treasury.

The sum of three millions of dollars, authorized to be raised by loan, by an act of the last session of Congress, has been obtained upon terms advantageous to the government, indicating, not only an increased confidence in the faith of the nation, but the existence of a large amount of capital seeking that mode of investment, at a rate of interest not exceeding five per centum per annum.

It is proper to add, that there is now due to the Treasury, for the sale of public lands, twenty-two millions nine hundred and ninety-six thousand five hundred and forty-five dollars. In bringing this subject to view, I consider it my duty to submit to Congress, whether it may not be advisable to extend to the purchasers of these lands, in consideration of the unfavorable change which has occurred since the sales, a reasonable indulgence. It is known that the purchases were made when the price of every article had risen to its greatest height, and that the instalments are becoming due at a period of great depression. It is presumed that some plan may be devised, by the wisdom of Congress, compatible with the public interest, which would afford great relief to these purchasers.

Considerable progress has been made, during the present season, in examining the coast and its various bays and other inlets; in the collection of materials, and in the construction of fortifications for the defence of the Union, at several of the positions at which it has been decided to erect such works. At Mobile Point and Dauphin Island, and at the Rigolets, leading to Lake Pontchartrain, materials, to a considerable amount, have been collected, and all the necessary preparations made for the commencement of the works. At Old Point Comfort, at the mouth of James River, and at the Rip-Rap, on the opposite shore, in the Chesapeake Bay, materials, to a vast amount, have been collected; and at the Old Point some progress has been made in the construction of the fortification, which is on a very extensive scale. The work at Fort Washington, on this river, will be completed early in the next spring; and that on the Pea Patch, in the Delaware, in the course of the next season. Fort Diamond, at the Narrows, in the harbor of New York, will be finished this year. The works at Boston, New York, Baltimore, Norfolk, Charleston, and Niagara, have been in part repaired; and the coast of North Carolina, extending south to Cape Fear, has been examined, as has likewise other parts of the coast, eastward of Boston. Great exertions have been made to push forward these works with the utmost despatch possible; but, when their extent is considered, with the important purposes for which they are intended, the defence of the whole coast, and, in consequence, of the whole interior, and that they are to last for ages, it will be manifest that a well digested plan, founded on

military principles, connecting the whole together, combining security with economy, could not be prepared without repeated examinations of the most exposed and difficult parts, and that it would also take considerable time to collect the materials at the several points where they would be required. From all the light that has been shed on this subject, I am satisfied that every favorable anticipation which has been formed of this great undertaking will be verified, and that, when completed, it will afford very great, if not complete, protection to our Atlantic frontier, in the event of another war; a protection sufficient to counterbalance, in a single campaign, with an enemy powerful at sea, the expense of all these works, without taking into the estimate the saving of the lives of so many of our citizens, the protection of our towns and other property, or the tendency of such works to prevent war.

Our military positions have been maintained at Belle Point, on the Arkansas, at Council Bluff, on the Missouri, at St. Peter's on the Mississippi, and at Green Bay, on the Upper Lakes. Commodious barracks have already been erected at most of these posts, with such works as were necessary for their defence. Progress has also been made in opening communications between them, and in raising supplies at each for the support of the troops, by their own labor—particularly those most remote.

With the Indians peace has been preserved, and a progress made in carrying into effect the act of Congress, making an appropriation for their civilization, with the prospect of favorable results. As connected equally with both these objects, our trade with those tribes is thought to merit the attention of Congress. In their original state, game is their sustenance, and war their occupation; and, if they find no employment from civilized powers, they destroy each other. Left to themselves, their extirpation is inevitable. By a judicious regulation of our trade with them, we supply their wants, administer to their comforts, and gradually, as the game retires, draw them to us. By maintaining posts far in the interior, we acquire a more thorough and direct control over them; without which it is confidently believed that a complete change in their manners can never be accomplished. By such posts, aided by a proper regulation of our trade with them, and a judicious civil administration over them, to be provided for by law, we shall, it is presumed, be enabled not only to protect our own settlements from their savage incursions, and preserve peace among the several tribes, but accomplish also the great purpose of their civilization.

Considerable progress has also been made in the construction of ships of war, some of which have been launched in the course of the present year.

Our peace with the powers on the coast of Barbary has been preserved, but we owe it altogether to the presence of our squadron in the Mediterranean. It has been found equally necessary to employ some of our vessels for the protection of our commerce in the Indian sea, the Pacific, and along the Atlantic coast. The interests which we

have depending in those quarters, which have been much improved of late, are of great extent and of high importance to the nation, as well as to the parties concerned, and would undoubtedly suffer, if such protection was not extended to them. In execution of the law of the last session, for the suppression of the slave trade, some of our public ships have also been employed on the coast of Africa, where several captures have already been made of vessels engaged in that disgraceful traffic.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, November 14, 1820.

Ordered, That the said message be referred to the committee of the whole on the state of the Union, and that 5000 copies thereof be printed for the use of the members of this House.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, November 16, 1820.

Several other members appeared and took their seats, to wit:

From Massachusetts, Walter Folger, junior; from North Carolina, Hutchins G. Burton; and from Georgia, Joel Crawford and Robert Raymond Reid.

On motion of Mr. Samuel Moore,

Ordered, That the petition of Anthony Kennedy, presented on the 9th of March last, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Scott laid before the House a manuscript attested copy of the constitution formed on the 19th day of July, 1820, by the convention assembled at St. Louis, in the territory of Missouri, for the government of the contemplated state of that name: which was referred to a select committee, and

Mr. Lowndes, Mr. Sergeant, and Mr. Smith of Maryland, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Bloomfield submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That in all cases where petitions were presented at the last session of this House, and referred to committees, but not finally acted upon, both by the committees, and the House, the said petitions shall be considered as again presented and referred to the same committees, respectively, without special order to that effect. And it shall be the duty of the said committees, respectively, upon application, in behalf of any petitioner whose petition was presented and referred as aforesaid, to consider and report thereon, in the same manner as if it were referred to such committee by special order of the House.

The said resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, reported that the committee had, according to order, the state of the Union under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereon, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table; and are as follows:

1. Resolved, That so much of the message of the President as relates to the subject of the late treaty between the United States and Spain; to the condition of the independent governments of South America, and all other subjects of foreign affairs, be referred to a select committee.

2. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to the commercial intercourse between the United States and British colonial ports, and between the United States and France, and all other subjects in relation to commerce, be referred to the Committee of Commerce.

3. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to fortifications and other military subjects, be referred to a select committee.

4. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to the navy, and the increase thereof, and to the protection of our commerce, be referred to a select committee.

5. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to the suppression of the slave trade, be referred to a select committee.

6. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to the subject of revenue, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

7. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to the sales of public lands, and to granting relief to the purchasers thereof, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

8. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to the civilization of, and trade with, the Indian tribes, be referred to a select committee.

9. Resolved, That the said several select committees have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

The said resolutions were again read at the Clerk's table, and concurred in by the House.

Mr. Lowndes, Mr. Randolph, Mr. Moseley, Mr. Nelson of Virginia, Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Archer of Maryland, were appointed a committee pursuant to the first resolution.

Mr. Alexander Smyth, Mr. Van Rensselaer, Mr. Cocke, Mr. Cushman, Mr. Burton, Mr. Robert Moore, and Mr. Russ, were appointed a committee pursuant to the third resolution.

Mr. Barbour, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Warfield, Mr. Case, Mr. Hall of North Carolina, Mr. Dennison, and Mr. Crawford, were appointed a committee pursuant to the fourth resolution.

Mr. Hemphill, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Strong of New York, Mr. Edwards of Pennsylvania, Mr. Rogers, Mr. M'Creary, and Mr. Folger, were appointed a committee pursuant to the fifth resolution.

Mr. Southard, Mr. Bayly, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Walker, Mr. Williams of Virginia, Mr. Baker, and Mr. Gross of Pennsylvania, were appointed a committee, pursuant to the eighth resolution.

On motion of Mr. Crowell,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to

inquire into the expediency of providing by law some relief to the purchasers of the public lands in the United States, previous to the 1st of July, 1820.

Mr. Foot moved the following resolutions, which were read and agreed to by the House, viz:

1. Resolved, That the subject of organizing and disciplining the militia be referred to a select committee.

2. Resolved, That the subject of roads and canals be referred to a select committee.

3. Resolved, That the subject of the public buildings be referred to a select committee.

4. Resolved, That the subject of revolutionary pensions be referred to a select committee.

5. Resolved, That the said select committees have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Cannon, Mr. Gross of New York, Mr. Strong of Vermont, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Sawyer, Mr. Overstreet, and Mr. Hostetter, were appointed a committee pursuant to the first resolution.

Mr. Storrs, Mr. Crafts, Mr. Marchand, Mr. Edwards of North Carolina, Mr. Street, Mr. Montgomery, and Mr. Hendricks, were appointed a committee pursuant to the second resolution.

Mr. Wood, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Hall of New York, Mr. Murray, Mr. Crafts, and Mr. Buffum, were appointed a committee pursuant to the third resolution.

Mr. Bloomfield, Mr. Edwards of North Carolina, Mr. De Witt, Mr. Hibshman, Mr. Hazard, Mr. Fay, and Mr. Alexander, were appointed a committee pursuant to the fourth resolution.

The House proceeded by ballot to the election of a chaplain to Congress on their part, and upon an examination of the ballots, it appeared that the Reverend J. Nicholson Campbell was duly elected.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, November 17, 1820.

Mr. Street presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Redhook, in Dutchess county, state of New York, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Alexander Elmslie, merchant of the city of Philadelphia, praying that the amount of duties paid by him in the years 1803, 1804, and 1805, upon raised copper bottoms, imported by him into the United States, may be refunded; which was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Butler, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the petitions of the undermentioned persons, heretofore presented, be referred to the Committee of Claims, viz:

Pierre Denis de La Ronde, presented on the 22d December, 1817.

Joseph M'Neil, presented on the 22d December, 1817.

Rosalie P. Deslonde, presented on the 21st January, 1818.

Alexander Milne, presented on the 26th January, 1818.

Lewis H. Guerlain, presented on the 3d March, 1818.

John Rodriguez, presented on the 3d March, 1818.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Ordered, That the petition of Daniel Seward, heretofore presented on the 11th December, 1817, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Cooke presented a petition of James M'Roberts, praying that his claim to a tract of land in the state of Illinois may be confirmed.

Mr. Bates presented a petition of the legislative council and house of representatives of the territory of Arkansas, praying that a surveyor may be appointed for that territory, who shall keep an office within the same.

Mr. Cooke also presented a petition of Nicholas Jarrott, praying permission to locate his confirmed claim to land, so as to include his improvements, or to be permitted to locate three quarter sections of any unlocated lands in said state, in the room thereof, paying to the United States for the excess, at the rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Cooke,

Ordered, That the petition of William M'Intosh, heretofore presented on the 17th of December, 1817, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

The Speaker presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the third congressional district of Kentucky, praying for the encouragement of domestic manufactures, by imposing higher duties on goods imported into the United States; which petition was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the governor of Pennsylvania, inclosing the certificate of the election of Thomas G. M'Cullough, as a member of this House from that state, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of David Fullerton, which was referred to the Committee of Elections.

The Speaker also presented a petition of Curtis Lewis, an inspector of the revenue of the port of Mobile, and commander of the revenue boat attached to that port, stating, that in 1818 he captured and took possession of the schooner Constitution, of New York, for a breach of the laws prohibiting the slave trade, and complaining of illegal and improper acts on the part of the judicial officers of the late territory, now state of Alabama, in their proceedings in relation to the said capture, and praying for the interposition of the power of Congress in the premises; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, transmitting copies of the reports, from No. 1 to 9 inclusive, of the land commissioners at Jackson court house,

and a copy of a letter which accompanied them; which were referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Gross, of New York, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to prepare and report to this House, as soon as may be, a list of all the expenditures, under the proper heads, authorized by the existing laws of the United States, with an opinion respecting the reductions which, consistently with the public interest, may be made in each of them respectively.

The said resolution was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Foot submitted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the following addition be made to the standing rules and orders of the House, viz:

A committee of three members shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to examine all bills, amendments, resolutions or motions, before they go out of the possession of the House; and to make report that they are correctly engrossed, which report shall be entered on the journal.

The said resolution was read and ordered to lie on the table for one day.

On motion of Mr. Storrs,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, November 20, 1820.

Several other members appeared and took their seats, to wit:

From Virginia, John Floyd and Severn E. Parker; and from Tennessee, Henry H. Bryan and Robert Allen.

Solomon Sibley appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat as the delegate from the territory of Michigan, in the room of William W. Woodbridge, resigned: the oath to support the constitution of the United States being first administered to him by the Speaker.

Mr. Mallary presented a petition of Jonathan Dikeman, and a petition of John Rumsey, respectively praying for a pension in consideration of services rendered in the revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Baldwin presented a petition of Andrew Finley, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed the half pay to which he is entitled for services in that capacity.

Mr. Montgomery presented a petition of John Fleece, praying for a pension in consideration of services rendered in the revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mrs. M'Lean, of Kentucky, presented a petition of Jacob Hunsinger, praying to be permitted to make payment to the receiver of pub-

lic moneys in the land office at Shawaneetown, for such portion of a half section of land, entered at said office by a certain John Gillison, as is now owned by the petitioner.

Mr. Bates presented a petition of the legislative council and house of representatives of the territory of Arkansas, praying that provision may be made for confirming claims to land in said territory, derived from warrants of concession, issued by the French and Spanish governments.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Cooke,

Ordered, That the petition of the heirs of Peter Dominick Robert, presented on the 3d of March, 1817, and the petition of John Edgar, presented on the 10th January, 1820, be also referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Sloan presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Stark and Medina counties, in the state of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Switzerland, in the state of Indiana, praying to be allowed further time to complete their payments for lands purchased of the United States.

Mr. Bates presented a petition of the legislative council and house of representatives of the territory of Arkansas, praying that the right of pre-emption may be extended to the inhabitants of that portion of said territory lying south of the river Arkansas, in the purchase of the lands on which they have long resided and made valuable improvements.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Crowell presented a petition of John M'Cartney, praying compensation for a number of cattle taken from him for the use of the troops of the United States, in the year 1817.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. M'Lean, of Kentucky, presented a document in support of the claim of Henry Cain; when it was

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the report of the Committee of Claims, made on the 14th of January last, on the said claim, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the papers in the case, together with the document this day presented, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Eddy submitted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the act entitled an act allowing compensation to the members of the Senate, members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to the delegates from the territories, and repealing all other laws on that subject, as to reduce the

compensation thereby allowed from eight to six dollars per day, and the rate of travel for every twenty miles, from eight to six dollars; and that said committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

The said resolution was read; and the question was taken, Will the House now proceed to consider the same?

And determined in the negative.

Mr Storrs submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the eighteenth rule of the standing rules and orders of this House, be annulled.

The said resolution was read and ordered to lie on the table for one day.

On motion of Mr. Bloomfield,

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him on the 16th instant, respecting the reference of petitions, and the same being again read, was modified and agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That in all cases where petitions were presented at the last session to this House, and referred to committees, but not reported upon, the said petitions shall be again considered as referred to the said committees respectively, upon application of any member to the Clerk, without special order from the House to that effect. And it shall be the duty of the said committees, respectively, to consider and report thereon, in the same manner as if said petitions were referred by special orders of the House; but, no petition shall be received or acted upon by a committee, under this order, which shall not have been endorsed in, and transmitted to the committee through, the office of the Clerk.

Mr. Linn submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be directed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the compensation allowed to members of Congress to six dollars per day, and a proportional reduction for travelling to and from the seat of government: and, also, of reducing the pay of all the officers of government, that has been increased since the year 1809, to what it was at or before that period.

The said resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Cocke,

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the military peace establishment of the United States.

Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, submitted the following proposition of amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole on the state of the Union:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, two thirds of both Houses concurring, That the following amendment to the Constitution of the United States be proposed to the legislatures of the several states, which, when ratified by the legislatures of three fourths of the states, shall be valid, to all intents and purposes, as part of the said Constitution:

That, for the purpose of choosing Representatives in the Congress of the United States, each state shall, by its legislature, be divided into a number of districts, equal to the number of Representatives to which such state may be entitled. The districts shall be formed of contiguous territory, and contain, as nearly as may be, an equal number of persons entitled by the Constitution to be represented, or of persons qualified to vote for members of the most numerous branch of the state legislature. In each district, the persons qualified to vote shall choose one Representative.

That, for the purpose of choosing Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, the persons qualified to vote for Representatives in each district shall choose one Elector. The two additional Electors, to which each state is entitled, shall be appointed in such manner as the legislature thereof may direct. The Electors, when convened, at the time and place prescribed by law for the purpose of voting for President and Vice President of the United States, shall have power, in case any of them shall fail to attend, to choose an Elector, or Electors, in place of him, or them, so failing to attend. The division of states into districts, as hereby provided for, shall take place immediately after this amendment shall be adopted, and immediately after every future census and apportionment of Representatives under the same; and such districts shall not be altered until a subsequent census shall have been taken, and an apportionment of Representatives under it shall have been made.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Foot, on the 17th instant, for the appointment of a standing committee for the examination of engrossed bills; and the same being again read, the question was taken, Will the House agree to the same?

And determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Hackley,

Ordered, That the petition of Wardwell Green, presented at the last session, be referred to the Secretary of War.

Ordered, That Mr. Bryan be appointed of the Committee on Expenditures in the Department of State, in the room of Mr. Holmes, resigned.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, November 21, 1820.

Mr. Hill presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the towns of Brunswick, Topsham, Durham, Danville, Turner, Bath, Minot, and Livermore, in the state of Maine, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Meigs presented a petition of Ezra Reynolds, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of the American Society of the City of New York for the encouragement of domestic manufactures;

praying that a duty of ten per centum be imposed on sales at auction; that the credit on duties on the importation of foreign fabrics may be abolished, and that the tariff may be so graduated as to carry into effect a complete system of protection to home industry; which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Samuel Clarkson, merchant, of the city of Philadelphia, praying that the duties paid by him in the year 1806, on copper imported into the United States, may be refunded; which was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. McLean, of Kentucky, presented a memorial and petition of Matthew Lyon, praying that his petition, presented at the last session, may now be considered, and the prayer thereof granted, so that the justice to which his case may entitle him, and which has been so long withheld, may now be granted; which was referred to a select committee; and

Mr. McLean of Kentucky, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Edwards of North Carolina, Mr. Plumer, and Mr. Beecher, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Bates presented a petition of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the territory of Arkansas, praying that some provision may be made for the relief of the settlers on the public lands, who have been compelled to abandon their settlements made prior to the twelfth of April 1814, under the treaty lately concluded between the United States and the Cherokee nation of Indians; which was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Bates also presented another petition of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the territory of Arkansas, praying that some provision may be made to coerce the attendance within their districts of individuals appointed to offices in that territory; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have elected the reverend William Ryland a chaplain to Congress on their part. And they have passed a resolution for the appointment of a joint Library Committee, who shall have the direction of the money appropriated to the purchase of books and maps, for the use of the two Houses of Congress; and have appointed a committee on their part. They have also passed a bill, entitled "An act to alter the terms of the district court in Alabama," in which resolution and bill they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of the General Assembly of the territory of Arkansas, praying for the establishment of a surveyor's office in that territory; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought *not* to be granted.

The resolution from the Senate for the appointment of a joint Library Committee, was read and concurred in by the House; and

Mr. Mallary, Mr. Parker of Virginia, and Mr. Allen of Tennessee, were appointed the committee on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to alter the terms of the district court in Alabama," was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Mallary,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before this House, information respecting the progress made by the commissioners under the treaty of Ghent, in establishing the boundary line between the United States and the Canadas:

Whether any part of the boundary line is settled: Whether the commissioners of the United States and Great Britain have met during the present year:

How much money has been drawn from the Treasury for the purposes aforesaid: How much each commissioner, agent, or any person on their account, has drawn.

The names of each person employed by the said commissioners and agents in their respective sections, the purposes for which each person was employed, the length of time employed, and the compensation each person has received for his service.

A statement of all the items of account rendered by each of said commissioners and agents, and the particular purposes for which the moneys drawn by them have been expended.

The amount of compensation each commissioner and agent has received since his appointment, and whether any sum has been allowed to, or retained by, said commissioners and agents, except the sum of \$4,444 44 per annum.

Mr. Mallary, and Mr. Allen of New York, were appointed a committee to present the said resolution to the President of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Abbot,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law, defining under what circumstances, and by what means, private property may be taken for public use, under the emergency of war, and providing that just compensation shall be made for the same: also, of prescribing the manner in which soldiers may be quartered in any house, without the consent of the owner, in time of war.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of admitting British vessels arriving from the Cape of Good Hope and the Mauritius, into the ports of the United States, on the same terms and conditions, as if they had sailed from a port in Great Britain, so long as those ports are open to the vessels of the United States on the same terms and conditions as their own vessels.

On motion of Mr. Storrs,

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him

yesterday, to annul the eighteenth rule of the standing rules and orders of this House; and the said resolution being again read, was agreed to by the House.

The said eighteenth rule, as annulled, is in the words following, viz.

"Business referred to committees of the whole House shall be called for consideration in the following order:

- 1. Private bills which have passed the Senate, and have been reported favorably by a committee of the House.*
- 2. Private bills reported by committees of the House,*
- 3. Bills and resolutions of a public nature.*
- 4. Bills which have passed the Senate, and have been reported against by a committee of the House.*
- 5. Reports unfavorable to petitioners."*

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and documents of Hugh McCullough, presented at the last session.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, November 22, 1820.

Another member, to wit, from South Carolina, Charles Pinckney, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Kinsley presented a petition of sundry persons interested in commerce, inhabitants of Belfast, in the state of Maine, praying that no alteration may be made in the existing tariff of duties on foreign goods imported into the United States, injurious to the commercial interest, for the purpose of extending further protection to the manufacturing interest of the country; which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Morton presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Bristol, in the state of Massachusetts, praying for the establishment of a post route over the turnpike from the town of Taunton to Boston; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Tracy presented documents in support of the petition of Erastus Granger; when it was

Ordered, That the petition of the said Erastus Granger, with the report of the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, thereon, made at the last session, together with the documents this day presented, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Morton also presented a petition of George Richmond, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Robertson presented a petition of Thomas Buford, praying to be allowed additional compensation for his services as a Deputy Commissary of Purchases, in the late war with Great Britain; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Sergeant, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to alter the terms of the district court in Alabama," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was accordingly read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Cooke, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of William McIntosh, accompanied with a bill for his relief, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Cooke, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of Nicholas Jarrott, accompanied by a bill for his relief, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Fuller,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to inform this House what naval force has been stationed for the protection of the commerce of our citizens in the West India islands, and parts adjacent, during the present year, and whether any depredations by pirates, or others, upon the property of citizens of the United States engaged in such commerce, have been reported to our government.

Mr. Fuller and Mr. Wendover were appointed a committee to present the foregoing resolution to the President of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Ordered, That the bill reported by the Committee on Private Land Claims, on the 19th of January last, supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of the land claims in the state of Louisiana and territory of Missouri, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Hibshman,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route between the following points, to wit: between the post office established in Lambpeter Square, in Lambpeter township, Lancaster county, and the post office established in Cochranville, West-fallow-field township, Chester county.

The House proceeded to consider the unfavorable report made by the Committee of Ways and Means on the 27th of March, 1820, on the petition of Perley Keyes and Jason Fairbanks; and the said report being read, it was

Ordered, That the said petition and report be recommitted to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Foot submitted the following resolution, viz.

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Expenditures be instructed to prepare and report a system of retrenchment in the expenditures of the various departments of the government, (not inconsistent with the public interest) which will restore that rigid economy

and simplicity becoming our republican institutions, and which the present stagnation of commerce, and the embarrassments attending every branch of domestic industry, imperiously demand.

The said resolution was read, and the question was put, Will the House now proceed to *consider* the same?

And determined in the negative.

Mr. Cobb submitted the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That it is expedient that the annual expenses of the government should be reduced; that, for the accomplishment of this object, it is further

2. Resolved, That all such offices as are not immediately necessary for the transaction of public business, and the abolition of which would not be detrimental to the public interests, shall be abolished.

3. Resolved, That the salaries of all civil officers, whose compensation has been increased since the year 1809, shall be reduced to what they were at that period.

4. Resolved, That it is expedient to reduce the army to the number of six thousand non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, preserving such part of the corps of engineers, without regard to that number, as may be required by the public interest; and including such reduction of the general staff as may be required by the state of the army, when reduced as herein proposed.

5. Resolved, That it is expedient that the appropriations for the erection of fortifications shall be so made as to require a less sum annually, by extending the time within which they shall be completed.

6. Resolved, That the act making an appropriation of one million of dollars per annum, for the increase of the navy, be so amended as to extend the term within which such increase shall be made, and to reduce the annual appropriation to the sum of five hundred thousand dollars.

7. Resolved, That it is expedient to recall, from active service, one half of the naval force now employed, and to place the same in ordinary.

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to prepare and report a bill conformably to the second and third resolutions; that the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to report a bill conformably to the fourth and fifth resolutions; and that the Naval Committee be instructed to prepare and report a bill conformably to the sixth and seventh resolutions.

The said resolutions were read, and committed to a committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, November 23, 1820.

Mr. Cushman presented a petition of the trustees of the Somerset Agricultural Society, in the county of Somerset and state of Maine, praying that the bill pending before Congress at the last session,

establishing a new tariff of duties on goods imported into the United States, may be passed into a law, so as to extend further protection to the manufacturing interest of the country.

Mr. Jones, of Virginia, presented a memorial of the merchants and other inhabitants of the town of Petersburg, in that state, in opposition to the passage of the said bill.

Ordered, That the said petition and memorial be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of Ebenezer Stevens and sons, Frederick A. Brunel, Joseph Bouchaud, and H. C. De Rham, merchants of the city of New York, and consignees of four French vessels, which left France previous to its being known in that country that an act had been passed by the Congress of the United States, imposing an additional tonnage duty on French ships and vessels, and arrived at the port of New York after the 1st of July last, and thereby became subject to the payment of the additional duty levied by that act; and praying for a remission of said duty, with interest thereon, from the time of payment, or such other relief as Congress, in their wisdom, may see fit to grant; which was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee to whom was referred the constitution of the contemplated state of Missouri, made a report, accompanied with a joint resolution declaring the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union; which resolution was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the bill, supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana and territory of Missouri, and that it be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and documents of major Charles Larrabee, heretofore presented to this House.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the several petitions and documents of Thomas Shields, heretofore presented to this House.

On motion of Mr. Butler, of New Hampshire,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to report to this House the regulations which he has adopted in the administration of the act of Congress of May 1st, 1820, entitled "An act in addition to an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war, passed March 18, 1818." Whether any person except paupers, or such as have been partially supported by public or private charity, have been continued on the pension roll; and, if any, whether the value of their property, as returned on their schedule, in any case exceeded two hundred dollars, and how much.—Whether debts, which the applicants owed, have been or are considered in the estimation of their circumstances, income, or means of subsistence; and how many are continued on the pension roll under said act.

On motion of Mr. Storrs,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Utica, in the state of New York, by Whitesborough, Floyd, Steuben, and Western, to Rome, in the said state.

On motion of Mr. Eustis,

Resolved, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing Benjamin West on the pension list of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Hill,

Resolved, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be directed to inquire into the expediency of opening a military and post road from some place on the Penobscot river in the state of Maine to the river St. Croix.

On motion of Mr. Simkins,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route directly from Columbia, in South Carolina, to Lexington, in Kentucky, by the way of Ashville and the Warm Springs, in North Carolina.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to provide for paying to the state of Illinois three per cent. of the nett proceeds arising from the sale of the public lands within the same; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hill reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to repeal part of an act to authorize the president and managers of the Washington Turnpike Road Company of Maryland to extend and make their turnpike road to or from Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, through the said district, to the line thereof, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the said bill be re-committed to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the report of the Committee of Claims, made on the 29th of December last, on the petition of Elias Parks; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Campbell reported the resolution therein contained, with an amendment, which was then read, as follows:

Strike out, from the word *that*, in the first line of the resolution, to the end thereof, and in lieu of which insert—"the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable, so far as relates to the value of his goods remaining in the boat taken at the attack on fort Oswego, by order of the commanding officer of the fort, and ought to be granted."

The question was then taken, Will the House concur with the committee of the whole in their said amendment?

And passed in the affirmative.

The said resolution was then concurred in as amended, and it was

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims do prepare and report a bill in pursuance thereof.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, November 24, 1820.

Two other members appeared and took their seats, viz: from Maryland, Thomas Culbreth, and from Virginia, John Tyler.

On motion of Mr. Mallary,

Ordered, That the petition of John Tyler and Benjamin Tyler, heretofore presented on the 16th January, 1811, be referred to a select committee; and

Mr. Mallary, Mr. Gross, N. Y. and Mr. Trimble, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Clement B. Penrose, praying to be allowed additional compensation for his services as a land commissioner in the territory of Missouri, which was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Sergeant, also, presented a petition of James Wolf, mariner, stating that in the year 1795 his vessel called the *Nancy*, with her cargo, while on a voyage from Port au Prince, and within the limits of the United States, was captured by a British cruizer, carried into the Port of Bermuda and condemned; that the President of the United States, upon being informed of the transaction, caused the petitioner to appear before him, and, upon being fully possessed of all the circumstances of the case, retained his documents and said that he would cause application to be made to the British government for his indemnification: that no such indemnification has yet been made, and praying relief from Congress; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Tyler presented a memorial of the merchants and other citizens of Richmond and its vicinity, against an increase of the tariff of duties on imports; a discontinuance of the credit now granted on said duties; the abolition of drawbacks of duties and other restrictions on the commerce of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

The Speaker presented a petition of Col. James Livingston, praying to be allowed five-years' pay for his services as an officer in the revolutionary army; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made reports on the petitions of John Stipp, of Daniel Lathrop, of Samuel Peckham, jr. and of sundry inhabitants of Salem; which reports were read, and the resolutions therein submitted were severally concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of John Stipp, Daniel Lathrop, and Samuel Peckham, ought *not* to be granted, and that it is *inexpedient* to grant the prayer of the petition of the inhabitants of Salem.

Mr. Sergeant, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a report on the petition of Curtis Lewis, which was read, and the resolution therein submitted was read and concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Mr. Sergeant, from the same committee, also reported a bill for the relief of Anthony Kennedy, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of Daniel Seward, accompanied with a bill for his relief, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to alter the terms of the district court in Alabama," and found the same to be truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Fuller, from the committee appointed to present to the President of the United States the resolution adopted by this House on the 22d inst. reported that the committee had performed that duty, and that the President answered that he would attend to the request contained in the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. McLean, of Kentucky,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Eddyville, in Kentucky, by the Iron Banks, to New Madrid, in Missouri.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole, to which is committed the report made on the 10th of March last, by the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, on the petition of Daniel McDuff, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the said petition and report be referred to a select committee.

Mr. Jones, of Tennessee, Mr. Simkins, and Mr. Beecher, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Hostetter,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route between the following points, to wit: between the post office established in the borough of Hanover, in the county of York, by the way of Berlin, in the county of Adams, through Dillstown, in York county, from thence to Harrisburg, being the seat of government of the state of Pennsylvania.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to provide for paying to the state of Illinois three per cent. of the nett proceeds arising from the sale of the public lands within the same," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the report of the Committee of Claims of the 4th of January last. on the

petition of Capt. John Cowan, on behalf of himself and a company of Tennessee volunteer mounted gunmen; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Robertson reported the agreement of the committee of the whole to the resolution submitted in the said report.

The said resolution was then again read and concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

On motion of Mr. Garnett,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, November 27, 1820.

Another member, to wit: from Mississippi, Christopher Rankin, appeared and took his seat.

A new member, to wit: from Massachusetts, Benjamin Gorham, elected to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Jonathan Mason, also appeared and took his seat, the oath to support the constitution of the United States being first administered to him by the Speaker.

Mr. Adams presented a petition of John Woods, a petition of Eli Wood, and a petition of Asa Humphrey, respectively praying for pensions; which were referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Moseley presented a memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of New Haven in the state of Connecticut, against any alteration in the tariff of duties on imports, by way of protection and encouragement to the manufacturing interest of the country; which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Lowndes presented a similar memorial of a convention of delegates, representing the merchants and others interested in commerce, assembled in the city of Philadelphia; which was also referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Warfield,

Ordered, That the petition of Bowie & Kurtz and others, heretofore presented, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Sawyer presented a petition of Charles Grice, praying for the remission of a forfeiture incurred by him under the act laying an embargo, passed in 1807; which petition was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Lowndes presented a petition of Enrico Causici, sculptor, praying to be employed to execute, in marble, a statue representing the genius of the constitution, a cast of which, in plaster, is now placed above the Speaker's chair, in the Hall of this House; or that he may be employed to execute a colossal statue of the general Baron de Kalb, ordered to be erected to the memory of that officer by Congress, in the year 1780; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Public Buildings.

Mr. McLean, of Kentucky, presented a petition of Joshua Brown-
ing, praying compensation for a mule, lost while in the military ser-
vice of the United States in the late war with Great Britain.

The Speaker presented a petition of Joseph Wheaton, stating that
he conceives the accounting officers of the Treasury have not done
him that justice, in the settlement of his accounts, to which he con-
ceives himself entitled; and praying relief from Congress.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of
Claims.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of John F. Thompson, stating
that he is unable to complete his payments for lands purchased of the
United States, and praying that the payments which he has already
made on the several tracts purchased, may be so credited, as to com-
plete the payments on as many tracts as they may cover; or that fur-
ther time may be extended to him or his heirs to complete the pay-
ments for the whole of the said lands entered by him; which was re-
ferred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

The Speaker laid before the House a certificate of the election of
Edward B. Jackson, of Virginia; which was referred to the Com-
mittee of Elections.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made an
unfavorable report on the petition of James McRoberts; which was
read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means,
made a report on the petition of William Russum and Clement Stan-
ford; which was read, and the resolution therein submitted was con-
curred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought *not* to be
granted.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the same committee, also reported
a bill for the relief of Perley Keys and Jason Fairbanks; which was
read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the
whole to-morrow.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims,
reported a bill for the relief of Elias Parks; which was read the first
and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-
morrow.

On motion of Mr. Jackson,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads
be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post
road from the mouth of Fishing creek, on the Ohio river, in the state
of Virginia, by Buffalo, Gray's flats, Barnes' mills, Prickett's set-
tlement, and Smithfield, to Kingwood, in the said state.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

Resolved, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be in-
structed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the act, en-
titled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry
Willis," passed on the 8th day of May, 1820, so as to ex-
cept from the location of the land therein mentioned, town lots and
sites for towns.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to alter the terms of the District Court in Alabama."

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. James Monroe, junior, his Secretary, viz:

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

In conformity with a resolution of the Senate, of the 28th January, 1818, I communicate herewith, to the House of Representatives, the report of the Commissioner of the Public Buildings, required by that resolution.

JAMES MONROE.

November 23, 1820.

The said message was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Laurence Muse, made on the 7th day of January last, be committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the report of the Committee of Claims, on the petition of Robert Swartwout on the 22d day of March last, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that leave be given to withdraw the said petition.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Samuel Dale, made on the 10th of January last, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the petition and report be recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of War, on the petition of Seth Weed, made on the 29th day of March last, be committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Ross reported, that the committee of the whole had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and directed him to report the resolution submitted by Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, on the 20th instant, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, as it respects the election of representatives to Congress, and the choice of electors of President and Vice President of the United States, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said resolution lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the report of the Committee of Claims on the case of Joseph Janney, made on the 19th of January last; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hackley reported the agreement of the committee of the whole to the resolution submitted in the said report.

The said resolution was then again read, and concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the claim of Joseph Janney ought *not* to be allowed.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the report of the Committee of Claims on the case of the Levy court of Calvert county, in the state of Maryland, made on the 10th of January last; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edwards, of North Carolina, reported the agreement of the committee of the whole to the resolution submitted in the said report.

The said resolution was then again read, and concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the claim of the Levy court of Calvert county ought *not* to be granted.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the report of the Committee of Claims on the case of Hannah Davis, made on the 10th of January last, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the said report and papers, in the case, be re-committed to the Committee of Claims.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, November 28, 1820.

Another member, to wit: from New York, James Guyon, jr. appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of John M'Kinsey, praying to be paid the amount of wages now due for his services as a seaman on board the United States frigate Essex, at the time of her capture at Valparaiso, on the 28th March, 1814, and which is withheld in consequence of his being erroneously returned as a deserter; which petition was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Sergeant also presented a memorial of Daniel W. Coxe, praying that his title to a large tract of land, originally granted by the Spanish government of Louisiana, to the marquis of Maison Rouge, may be confirmed; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of Thomas Mackey, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Kent,

Ordered, That the petition of Alexander M'Cormick, presented on the 17th of December, 1816, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Jackson presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Tyler county, in the state of Virginia, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Simkins presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants of the upper country of the state of South Carolina; also, a memorial of the inhabitants of the district of Abbeville in that state, in opposition to any increase of the present tariff of duties on imports, by way of protec-

tion to the manufacturing interest of the country; which memorials were referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Lowndes presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants of the District of Columbia, praying for the erection of suitable buildings for a penitentiary, and the establishment of a system of penitentiary jurisprudence within the said district; which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Andrew Findley; which was read, and the resolution therein submitted was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Ordered, That the prayer of the petitioner be rejected.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Ezra Reynolds, and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Thomas Buford, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made an unfavorable report on the petition of George Rundle and John Ella, jr. merchants of Philadelphia; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Campbell, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made a report on the petition of Jacob Hunsinger, accompanied by a bill for his relief; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Campbell, from the same committee, also reported a bill to amend the act, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry Willis;" which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of altering the Richmond collection district, so as to make the same extend from Bermuda Hundred to the mouth of Chickahomony river, including the shores of James river, on the north as far as mid-channel.

On motion of Mr. Strong, of New York,

Resolved, That the Postmaster General be directed to report, as soon as may be, to this House, a list, if any, of mail contractors who are at the same time postmasters, and the compensation of such contractors and postmasters, designating the state or territory in which they respectively reside.

On motion of Mr. Stevens,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be directed to inquire and report whether in their opinion the public good requires that a tract of land be surveyed and appropriated for laying out a road from the north boundary line of the state of Ohio to Detroit, in a place most convenient for that purpose; and, also, sufficient for working the same; and be farther directed, if in their opinion

such appropriation would be of public utility, to report a bill for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Storrs,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury Department be directed to communicate to this House the amount of moneys drawn from the Treasury of the United States, by the War and Navy Departments, respectively, from the 30th day of December, 1819, to the 15th day of November instant, designating the amount drawn under each respective appropriation, together with an account of any transfers, which may have been made at the Treasury during the last recess of Congress, from one appropriation to any other; and, also, the aggregate amount of payments made during the same period by the Treasurer of the United States, as agent of the War and Navy Departments, respectively, on warrants drawn by the said departments on the Treasurer as such agent, designating the amount of payments made under each head of appropriation, respectively, during the same period.

Mr. Forrest submitted the following, to wit:

Whereas it appears, by a report of the Secretary of War, dated the 12th day of February, 1820, made in pursuance of a resolution of the House of Representatives, that large loans of powder and lead munitions of the United States, were made to private persons by the ordnance department:

Therefore, resolved, that a select committee be appointed to inquire and report to this House, by whom the said loans were made; and by what authority; why the same was not reclaimed at the expiration of the loan; what time the said loans were reported to the head of department, and, if a loss should be sustained, how far, and to whom is the responsibility attached for such loss. And, further, to report the proper mode of proceeding forthwith against such delinquent or delinquents, for the recovery of the same.

The said resolution was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Shaw,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from the town of Richmond, in the state of Massachusetts, to the town of West Stockbridge, in the same state.

On motion of Mr. Cooke,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before this House a statement of the number of claims to military bounty land, for services rendered during the late war which remain unsatisfied; the aggregate amount of acres necessary to satisfy those claims; and the time when the lands will be ready to be distributed among the respective claimants.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Comptroller of the Treasury, transmitting a list of balances on the books of the second and third auditors, which have remained due more than three years prior to the 30th September, 1820; a list of such persons as have failed to render their accounts to said auditors within the year; and a list of advances made prior to the 3d of March, 1809, by the

War Department, and which remained to be accounted for on the books of the third auditor; which letter and accompanying documents were ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Anderson,

Ordered, That there be printed, for the use of this House, one thousand copies of a report made by the Secretary of the Treasury on the 17th instant, to the Senate, accompanied with a statement of money annually appropriated and paid since the Declaration of Independence, for purchasing from the Indians, surveying, and selling, the public lands, shewing the qualities which have been purchased, surveyed, sold, and which now remain unsold, the amount of sales and of forfeitures, the sums paid by purchasers, and sums due from purchasers; as, also, from receivers in each land district.

Ordered, That the bill reported at the last session providing for clothing the militia when called into the service of the United States, be recommitted to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the report of the Committee on Private Land Claims, made on the 6th January last, on the petition of Jacob Shafer; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Foot reported the same without amendment.

The said resolution was then again read and concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition and documents.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the report made on the 22d of March last, by the Committee of Claims, on the petition of Alvin Bronson, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the said report and petition be recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to incorporate the managers of the National Vaccine Institution; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cannon reported the same with amendments, which were read and concurred in by the House; and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Friday next.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Nicholas Jarrott; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hill reported the same with amendments, which were read and concurred in by the House; and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, November 29, 1820.

Mr. Gorham presented a petition of Samuel Washburn, quartermaster of the regiment of light artillery, praying to be allowed, in the settlement of his accounts, for forage issued in kind, to certain officers of that regiment, which is denied him by the accounting officer, for reasons unsatisfactory to him; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Gorham also presented a petition of Henry Lee, of Boston, merchant, stating that he shipped a quantity of India piece goods in the month of February, 1819, from the port of Charleston, in South Carolina, to the Havana, with benefit of drawback, and gave the usual bond for the landing of said goods without the United States; that the vessel, on her passage, was driven on the Bahama banks, and the said goods were thrown overboard and were lost, and that he has been compelled to pay the said bonds; and praying that the amount thereof may be refunded to him; which petition was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Newton presented a petition of George M'Intosh, surety of a certain William Newson, late postmaster at Norfolk, in the state of Virginia, stating that the said Newson was permitted to become a public defaulter to a large amount, and by which his sureties were compelled to pay the sum of about five thousand dollars; that the United States have sustained a loss by the said Newson of \$8427 48, of which fact he alleges himself to be the informer under the 24th section of the act of March, 1799, and praying that a suit may be instituted for the recovery thereof, and that when recovered one moiety may be paid to him as aforesaid; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Sibley presented a petition of George M'Dougal, of the territory of Michigan, praying that his title to lands in said territory may be confirmed; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. M'Coy,

Resolved, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the location of land warrants issued to the Virginia state regiments for services during the Revolutionary war, on any of the unappropriated lands in the tract reserved in the state of Ohio for satisfying the warrants to the Virginia state line on continental establishment.

Mr. Cooke submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making some provision, whereby the actual settlers on the public lands, who settled previous to the 1st of July, 1820, shall be entitled to the preference in becoming the purchasers of a specified quantity, so as to embrace their improvements, at such price as may be deemed expedient.

The said resolution was read, and the question was taken, Will the House agree thereto?

And determined in the negative.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Nicholas Jarrott," was read the third time.

And the question was taken, Shall it pass?

And determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill concerning navigation, and to repeal the act concerning

navigation, passed April 18th, 1818, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that it be postponed indefinitely.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill further to regulate the entry of merchandise imported into the United States from any adjacent territory; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Mallary reported that the committee had made some progress therein and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill; and it was then also

Ordered, That the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it be recommitted to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the resolution authorizing the President of the United States to cause astronomical observations to be made to ascertain the longitude of the Capitol in the city of Washington, from some known meridian in Europe; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morton reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said resolution be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to amend the several acts providing for sick and disabled seamen, and for establishing navy hospitals, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it be recommitted to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Daniel Seward; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Newton reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Perley Keyes and Jason Fairbanks; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Elias Parks; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Linn reported that the committee had made some progress therein and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry Willis;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trimble reported the

same with sundry amendments, which were read and concurred in by the House; and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, November 30, 1820.

Two other members appeared and took their seats, to wit: from Massachusetts, Ezekiel Whitman, and from Georgia, William Terrill.

Mr. Archer, of Maryland, presented documents in support of the claim of the administrator on the estate of William Lee, deceased, which were referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Ross presented a petition of James P. Smith, representative of the estate of Ambrose D. Smith, deceased, late of the state of Louisiana, praying for an equitable settlement of the accounts of the deceased, as sutler to the second and third regiments of infantry during the late war with Great Britain; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the petition of Holder Slocumb, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

Mr. Smith, from the same committee, also made an unfavorable report on the petition of William Houston; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Baldwin, from the Committee on Manufactures, to which have been referred the memorials of sundry inhabitants of Belfast, in Maine, and of the merchants and others of Richmond, in Virginia, made a report thereon, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the 27th section of the act, entitled "An act regulating the post office establishment," passed the 30th day of April, 1810, as to require the Postmaster General, in any contract he may enter into for the conveyance of the mail, to stipulate with the person with whom such contract is to be made to carry newspapers, magazines, and pamphlets, other than those conveyed in the mail.

Mr. Walker submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for placing on the pension list such persons as have, or may hereafter, apply for pensions under the acts of Congress of the 18th of March, 1818, and 1st of May, 1820, who may not be found on the rolls of the respective states in which they enlisted, but who, nevertheless, may be able to adduce satisfactory proof, by their own oath or other

testimony, that they did serve on the continental establishment in the Revolutionary war.

The said resolution was read, and the question being taken on agreeing thereto,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Rankin,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of changing the time of holding the district court of Mississippi, from the first Mondays in May and December, to the first Mondays in January and July.

On motion of Mr. Clark,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Moresville, through Roxbury and Borina, to Delhi, in the county of Delaware and state of New York.

On motion of Mr. Case,

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to lay before this House such information as he may possess or can obtain, relative to the annual amount of the fees of the clerks, district attorneys, and marshals, of the respective courts of the United States, the amount of whose fees do not appear in the "register of officers in the service of the United States;" and, also, the annual amount of the fees of naval officers, collectors, and surveyors, of the customs, of the respective ports of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Phelps,

Resolved, That the Postmaster General of the United States be directed to report to this House the names of those persons who were indebted to his department on the 31st day of December, 1816, and the amount then due from each person; also, the names of those, who since that time have become, and were indebted to that department on the 30th day of December last, and the amount then due from each person.

Ordered, That the case of Samuel Lee, administrator on the estate of William Lee, deceased, together with the report of the Committee of Claims thereon, made at the last session, be recommitted to the said committee.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and papers of Joseph Janney.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Perley Keyes and Jason Fairbanks; and,

An act to amend the act, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry Willis," were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

And engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel Seward," was read the third time; and the question was stated, Shall it pass? when,

On motion of Mr. Linn, it was

Ordered, to lie on the table.

An engrossed "resolution authorizing the President of the United States to cause astronomical observations to be made to ascertain the longitude of the Capitol in the city of Washington, from some known meridian in Europe," was read the third time, and the question was stated, Shall it pass? when,

Mr. Cocke moved that it lie on the table; which, being rejected,

The question was taken, Shall the said resolution pass?

And passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry the said resolution to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Elias Parks; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gross, of New York, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to provide for clothing the militia when called into the service of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Reid reported the same with amendments, which were read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Ross moved that the House do reconsider the vote taken yesterday on the question, Shall the engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Nicholas Jarrott" pass?

And, on the question, Will the House reconsider the said vote?

It passed in the affirmative.

The question was then again stated, Shall the said bill pass?

Whereupon, it was

Ordered, That the said bill be recommitted to the Committee on the Public Lands.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, December 1, 1820.

Another member, to wit: from North Carolina, William Davidson, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Livermore presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Penobscot, in the state of Maine, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of Eli Hart, praying compensation for his dwelling and store houses destroyed by the British forces in the late war, because of their having been used by the troops of the United States as military depots; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Brown presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Kentucky, purchasers of lands of the United States, stating that they have paid one or more instalments and are unable to pay the

subsequent instalments as they become due, and praying for the passage of an act remitting the back interest on the several instalments prior to the time they respectively became due, and giving to the purchaser the privilege, at any time within one year after the passage of the act, of surrendering such portion of the land as he may be unable to pay for, and granting him a patent for as much land as the payments made will amount to at the purchase price, allowing the usual discounts for prompt payment; which was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Jones, of Tennessee, from the select committee appointed on the petition of Daniel M'Duff, made a report thereon, and by leave of the House accompanied such report with a bill for his relief; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and papers of Robert Short, heretofore presented to this House.

On motion of Mr. Edwards, of Connecticut,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the marshal of the district of Connecticut to make use of Newgate prison, in the state of Connecticut, for the purpose of confining and safe keeping any prisoner or prisoners, who have been, or hereafter may be, sentenced to imprisonment and labor in any court of the United States within the district of Connecticut, for the violation of any act or acts of the Congress of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Cocke,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to communicate to this House what sums of money have been actually paid to Col. James Johnson, on account of transportation furnished the expedition ordered up the Missouri river; and, also, what sums have been paid him for detention of steam boats or other incidental charges, and the causes of such detention; whether any difference of opinion existed between the Department of War and said Col. James Johnson, relative to the value of transportation or other charges exhibited by him against the United States: If any differences existed, how were they adjusted? If by reference, who were the referees? What was their award? And what evidence was submitted to them, on which they founded their award.

An engrossed bill to incorporate the managers of the National Vaccine Institution was read the third time, and the question was stated, Shall it pass? when,

Mr. Livermore moved that it be recommitted to the Committee for the District of Columbia; which, being rejected,

The question was taken, Shall it pass?

And passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the title be "An act to incorporate the managers of the National Vaccine Institution in the District of Columbia;" and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Elias Parks," was also read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the report of the Committee on Roads and Canals, on the petition of John Good, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the said petition and report be recommitted to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of North Carolina,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, December 4, 1820.

Another member, to wit: from Massachusetts, Nathaniel Silsbee, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Silsbee presented a petition of the President and Directors of the United States Naval Fraternal Association, for the relief of the families of deceased officers, praying for an act of incorporation for the said association; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of Thomas Tripler, praying to be discharged from imprisonment, in the city of New York, without the payment of costs, where he is confined at the suit of the United States, on judgments obtained against him, as surety on certain revenue bonds; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of George Keese, praying compensation for services performed by him, as adjutant to the sixth regiment of infantry, which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Storrs presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants of the county of Oneida, engaged in agricultural and other pursuits, praying that further encouragement and protection may be extended to the manufacturing interest of said county; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Robert Moore presented a petition of William Amberson, praying that the pension heretofore granted him, as an officer in the Revolutionary army, and which has been discontinued, may be continued, or that he may be allowed further compensation for his services in the capacity aforesaid; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of North Carolina,

Ordered, That the petition of the children and representatives of the late general Baron de Kalb, presented on the 10th of December, 1819, be also referred to the Committee of Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Tyler presented a petition of James Ross, master of the schooner Columbus, praying that the duties paid by him, on a quantity of molasses, imported in February last, into the port of Richmond, in Virginia, may be refunded, the said molasses having been destroyed by fire, in the month of March following; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Metcalfe presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Kentucky, purchasers of public lands, praying, that they may be permitted to apply the payments already made to such portions of their entries as those payments will cover, at two dollars per acre, relinquishing the residue to the United States; and, that those persons who have purchased but one tract, may be permitted to retain it entire, with a reasonable extension of credit, without interest; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Rankin presented a petition of John Minor, praying that the title to a tract of land in the state of Mississippi, granted by the former Spanish government of Louisiana to a certain Jacintha Gallagher, may be confirmed; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill for enrolling, licensing, and granting allowances to ships or vessels to be employed in the mackerel fishery, and for the government of persons concerned therein; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Joseph Harris, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. McLean of Kentucky, from the committee appointed on the memorial of Matthew Lyon, made a report thereon, accompanied with a bill for his relief; which, by leave of the House, was presented, read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Darlington,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to this House the amount of fines certified to the Comptroller of that Department, to have been imposed upon the militia of Pennsylvania, for neglect of duty, during the late war with Great Britain; the amount of said fines which has been levied and collected by the marshals of the respective districts in that state, or their deputies; and the amount thereof which has been actually paid into the Treasury of the United States; also, what proceedings, if any, have been instituted for the recovery of moneys thus collected within said districts, and not yet received at the Treasury.

Mr. Strong, of New York, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to ascertain, and report to this House, the amount of individual claims upon the United States, in favor of American citizens, growing out of the last war with Great Britain, the Creek war, and the Seminole war; desig-

nating the classes of claims, and the names of the claimants; together with the sum or sums which, in their opinion, shall be equitable, and fairly due to each, so far as practicable; and, also, upon the expediency of providing for the payment of the same, by issuing *scrip*, receivable in payment for the public lands, or in such other manner as the committee may deem more advisable.

The said resolution being read, Mr. Anderson moved to amend the same by striking out from the word *claimants*, to the end thereof.

When it was,

On motion of Mr. Simkins,

Ordered, That the said resolution lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Fuller,

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of, providing, by law, such means as may be necessary to obtain for the citizens of the United States the navigation of the Euxine sea, and a participation of the commerce of its ports and dependencies.

On motion of Mr. Hemphill,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Christiana, or New Castle, in the state of Delaware, to Lancaster, in the state of Pennsylvania, by the way of Newark, New London cross-roads, Russellville, Andrew's fording, and Strasburg.

On motion of Mr. Jackson,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of changing the post route from Morgantown to the Crab Orchard, in the state of Virginia, so as to pass from Morgantown, by Jackson's Iron Works, Carlisle's Furnace, and Sandy Creek Glades, to the Crab Orchard.

On motion of Mr. Mercer,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before this House any correspondence, that he does not deem it inexpedient to disclose, which may have existed between the Executive of the United States, and the government of any of the maritime powers of Europe, in relation to the African slave trade.

Mr. Mercer and Mr. Shaw were appointed a committee to present the said resolution to the President of the United States.

Mr. Eustis submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be instructed to report a bill, providing, that, from and after the 4th day of March next ensuing, no officer, soldier, seaman, marine, or other person, whatsoever, shall be placed on the pension list of the United States, except by virtue of law, in which the name of the pensioner shall be inserted, together with the amount of pension to which he shall be entitled.

The said resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Forrest,

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him on the 28th ultimo, and the same being again read, was modified and agreed to, as follows :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire and report to this House, by whom, and by what authority, the loans of powder and lead, munitions of the United States, were made, in the ordnance department, as contained in the report of the Secretary of War, dated February 12, 1820; why the same were not reclaimed at the expiration of the loans; what time the said loans were reported to the head of department; and if a loss should be sustained, how far, and to whom, is the responsibility attached for such loss. And further, to report the proper mode of proceeding forthwith against such delinquent or delinquents for the recovery of the same.

Mr. Forrest, Mr. Tracy, and Mr. Cöcke, were appointed the said committee.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Brush, on the 23d of February last, for the appointment of a committee to inquire into the expediency of surveying, marking, and establishing the northern boundary line of the state of Ohio; and the said resolution was read.

Whereupon,

Mr. Cook withdrew his amendment, proposed thereto on the said 23d of February last:

And the question was then taken, Will the House agree to the resolution, as originally proposed?

And determined in the negative.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting his annual report upon the state of the finances; which was read, ordered to lie on the table, and three thousand copies thereof to be printed.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 5, 1820.

Mr. Hazard presented a petition of Jonathan Brown, praying for an increase of his pension.

Mr. Tomlinson presented a petition of Esther Rogers, widow of major Hezekiah Rogers, an officer of the Revolutionary army, praying for a pension in consideration of the public services and sacrifices of her late husband.

Mr. Dennison presented a petition of Joshua Spear, praying for a grant of his bounty lands; as also for a pension, in consideration of services rendered by him as a soldier in the Revolutionary army.

Mr. Ross presented a petition of John S. Daily, a soldier in the army, in the late war with Great Britain, praying for a pension.

The Speaker presented a petition of Melker Baker, praying compensation for his services as an officer in the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Ford,

Ordered, That the petition of Marinius W. Gilbert, heretofore presented on the 21st January, 1820, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Trimble presented a petition of Jesse Powell, praying for a grant of his bounty-land, for his services as a soldier in the late war with Great Britain, which he is unable to obtain, in consequence of an error in the form of his discharge; which petition was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims

Mr. Beecher and Mr. Campbell respectively presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, purchasers of public lands, praying that they may be permitted to apply the payments already made to such portions of their entries as those payments will cover, at two dollars per acre, relinquishing the residue to the United States; and that those persons who have purchased but one tract, may be permitted to retain it entire, with a reasonable extension of credit, without interest; which were referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Cooke, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was recommitted the engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Nicholas Jarrott," reported the same with amendments, which were read and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be re-engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Storrs,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury Department be directed to communicate to this House the latest return made to that department of the general statement of the Bank of the United States and its offices of discount and deposit.

On motion of Mr. Simkins,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be requested to lay before this House a particular statement of the expenses of the army of the United States, from the end of the late war till the present year, including the estimate for 1821, designating the expenditures in each branch of the army for each year, with such explanations as may be necessary to render the statement clear and explicit. And, also, that he lay before the House the amount of balances, if any have accrued, in each year, from the moneys appropriated for the support of the army, in what way such balances have accrued, and how they have been disposed of or appropriated.

On motion of Mr. Cannon,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to lay before this House, as soon as is practicable, a statement, showing the aggregate amount that has been expended on the military academy at West Point, in the State of New York, from the establishment of the same to the present time, in the erection of buildings, barracks, repairs, and materials for the same; also, the aggregate amount that has been expended in pay and subsistence of the teachers, officers, and cadets, that are, or have been, in said academy, up to the present time; also, the aggregate amount that has been expended on the quartermaster department attached to said institution, for wood and distributing the same, forage, transportation, stationery, including articles used in the drawing department, books, mathematical instruments, printing, and all other contingencies, up to the present time; also, the number of cadets that have been educated in said academy since its first esta-

blishment, from the District of Columbia; also, the number from each state and territory in the Union; also, the number of cadets now in said academy from the District of Columbia and from each of the states and territories respectively; also, the number who have received an education at said academy, who are in the army or navy of the United States, the appointment each holds, and the district, state, or territory, they are from; and also, the number of orphans (if any) of those who have fallen in the defence of their country or died in its service, who have been educated in said academy or are now cadets in the same, and the district, state, or territory, each is from.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting "a statement of the number of claims to military bounty lands which remain unsatisfied; the aggregate number of acres necessary to satisfy those claims," rendered in obedience to the resolution of the 28th ultimo; which were ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting a list of mail contractors who are at the same time postmasters, and the compensation of such contractors and postmasters, which were also ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have received official information, that the President of the United States did, on the 28th ult. approve and sign an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to alter the terms of the district court in Alabama." And they have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens and Austin L. Sands, legal representatives of Richardson Sands, deceased, and others," in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, submitted by Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, and reported by the committee of the whole on the state of the Union, and the said proposition being again read, the question was taken, Shall it be engrossed and read a third time?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas 103
Nays 59

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Butler, Lou.	Mr. Eddy
Allen, N. F.	Campbell	Edwards, Con.
Anderson	Cannon	Eustis
Archer, Md.	Clagett	Fay
Archer, Va.	Cobb	Floyd
Baker	Cocke	Folger
Ball	Cook	Foot
Bateman	Crafts	Ford
Beecher	Crowell	Fuller
Bloomfield	Culbreth	Gross, N. F.
Brush	Culpepper	Guyon
Bryan	Cushman	Hackley
Buffum	Davidson	Hall, N. F.
Burton	Dewitt	Hendricks
Butler, N. H.	Dickinson	Hooks

Mr. Jackson	Mr. T. L. Moore	Mr. B. Smith, <i>Va.</i>
Johnson	Morton	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Kendall	Moseley	Stevens
Kent	Neale	Street
Kinsey	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Kinsley	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Swearingen
Little	Plumer	Tomlinson
Lincoln	Rankin	Tracy
Linn	Rich	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Livermore	Richards	Upham
Lowndes	Richmond	Van Rensselaer
Maclay	Robertson	Walker
McCullough	Russ	Warfield
McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Sawyer	Wendover
Mallary	Shaw	Whitman
Meigs	Silsbee	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Mercer	Simkins	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Monell	Sloan	
Montgomery	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>	
R. Moore	Smith, <i>Md.</i>	

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Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Mr. Patterson
Alexander	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Phelps
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Hazard	Philson
Allen, <i>Tenn.</i>	Hibshman	Pinckney
Baldwin	Hill	Reed
Barbour	Hostetter	Rhea
Brevard	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Rogers
Brown	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Ross
Burwell	Lathrop	Sergeant
Case	McCoy	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Clark	McCreary	Storrs
Crawford	Marchand	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Darlington	Meech	Tarr
Dennison	Metcalf	Terrell
Earle	S. Moore	Tompkins
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Murray	Trimble
Forrest	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Garnett	Newton	Tyler
Gorham	Overstreet	Wallace.....59
Gray	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	

Ordered, That the said resolution be read a third time to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Secretary of War, containing the information required by the resolution of the 23d ultimo, in relation to the execution of the act of the 1st of May, 1820, amendatory of the act for the relief of certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary war; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, communicating sundry statements, rendered in obe-

dience to the resolution of this House of the 13th of May last, requiring him to lay before the House at the present session, a report of the quantity of land sold under the provisions of the act passed on the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the public lands;" as, also, the name of the purchaser; the number of acres sold to each individual, or company, or body corporate; the sum per acre for which the same was sold, distinguishing that which shall be sold at private, from that which is sold at public sale; which letter and statements were ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, December 6, 1820.

Another member, to wit: from Delaware, Willard Hall, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Gorham presented a petition of Ann T. Greene, widow of John R. Greene, deceased, late a purser in the navy, and daughter of the late Commodore Samuel Nicholson, of the navy of the United States, both of whom died in the service of their country, praying to be allowed the pension usually granted to the widows of deceased naval officers.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of Joseph Potter, praying to be paid for the use of his house at Burlington, in Vermont, which was used as an hospital by the troops of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain; as also for certain stores and other property, lost while acting as a sutler in the northern army.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Lowndes presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Alabama, purchasers of public lands, praying for an extension of the period to complete their payments.

Mr. Brush presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, also purchasers of public lands; a copy of those presented yesterday by Mr. Campbell and Mr. Beecher.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Beecher, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to alter the time of holding the district court in the district of Mississippi; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill to release French ships and vessels entering the ports of the United States, prior to the 30th of September, 1820, from the operation of the act, entitled "An act to impose a new tonnage duty on French ships and vessels, and for other purposes;" which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House on the state of the Union.

On motion of Mr. Livermore,

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House cause to be deposited in the committee room of the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads,

such maps, being the property of the United States, as said committee shall direct.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

Resolved, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing further time to the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line, on continental establishment, their heirs or assigns, entitled to bounty lands, within the tract reserved by the state of Virginia, between the Little Miami and Sciota rivers, to complete their locations.

On motion of Mr. Rhea,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Washington, in Rhea county, in the state of Tennessee, by Hamilton court house, and thence, down Tennessee river, with the new turnpike road, by the mouth of Sequatchee, and by Marion court house and Jackson court house, to Huntsville, in the state of Alabama.

On motion of Mr. Cooke,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Golconda to Belgrade, in Illinois.

On motion of Mr. Tomlinson,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the President of the United States to require that the collector of the customs for the district of Sandusky, shall reside at Portland, in the district aforesaid.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads inquire into the expediency of changing the post route from Burksville to Monticello, in Kentucky, as for the same to pass by Robert Pougues, in Stockton's valley; and the post route from Greensburg to Glasgow, in Kentucky, so as to pass by the town of Edmonton, in Barren county.

On motion of Mr. Fisher,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from the town of Wilksborough, in North Carolina, by Mork's Oldfields, Salisbury, Skeen's ferry, Lawrenceville, Wadesborough, and Sneedsborough, in the same state, to the town of Chatham, in South Carolina.

Mr. Foot submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the "Act for the better government of the navy of the United States," as authorizes the infliction of corporal punishment by stripes or lashes; and also, to provide for the punishment of any officer or private, in the navy, who shall send or accept a challenge to fight a duel, in the same manner as is provided in the 25th and 26th articles of the first section of the "Act for establishing rules and articles for the government of the armies of the United States."

The said resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Beecher,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of revising the laws establishing the fees of the district attorney for the district of Ohio, and as respects the fees of the marshal and clerk of the circuit and district courts for the district of Ohio.

On motion of Mr. Strong, of New York,

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him on the 4th instant, respecting the claims growing out of the last war with Great Britain, the Creek war, and the Seminole war; and the question recurred, on the motion of Mr. Anderson, to amend the said resolution, by striking out the words following: "*together with the sum or sums which, in their opinion, shall be equitable, and fairly due to each, so far as the same may be practicable. And, also, upon the expediency of providing for the payment of the same, by issuing scrip, receivable in payment for the public lands, or in such other manner as the committee may deem more advisable.*"

And, being taken,

It passed in the affirmative.

The question was then put to agree to the resolution, as amended, And determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the report made on the 12th May last, by a select committee appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, further provision may be necessary to give effect to the provisions of the treaty of Brownstown, in the territory of Michigan, be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Ordered, That the report made by the Committee of Claims on the 13th January last, on the petition of Charles Townsend, be committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Ordered, That the joint resolution, submitted on the 24th of April, 1820, by Mr. Woodbridge, to establish the boundary line between the state of Ohio and the territory of Michigan, be committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens and Austin L. Sands, legal representatives of Richardson Sands, deceased, and others," was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Nicholas Jarrott," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

An engrossed resolution, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, as it respects the election of Representatives in Congress, and the choice of electors of President and Vice President of the United States, was read the third time. Whereupon,

Mr. Overstreet moved that the said resolution be postponed till Monday next, which was rejected.

The question was then stated, Shall the resolution pass? When,

Mr. Simkins moved that the resolution be postponed until Wednesday the 14th instant.

And the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, reported, that the committee of the whole had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and had come to no resolution thereon.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 7, 1820.

Two other members appeared and took their seats, to wit: from Pennsylvania, Andrew Boden; and from Kentucky, Benjamin Hardin.

Mr. Meigs presented a petition of James Byers, on behalf of himself and his brother, John Byers, stating, that he contracted to furnish provisions during the year ending on the 30th June, 1815, for the troops of the United States within the states of Massachusetts and New Hampshire; and that his said brother contracted for supplying the troops within the states of Connecticut and Rhode Island; that the moneys advanced for the execution of said contracts were treasury and bank notes, which had become so greatly depreciated as to render it impossible to continue the supplies, upon which the Secretary of War promised that it should be allowed in the settlement of their accounts; that such allowance has not been made for the states of Rhode Island and Connecticut; and that, in consequence of the failure of the government to provide sufficient storehouses for provisions, a great quantity, furnished by the said John Byers, was destroyed by a sudden inundation at Newport; by reason of which depreciation of moneys, and loss of provisions, the said John Byers has become ruined and insolvent;—and praying that an act may be passed for his relief, as the surety of his brother aforesaid.

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of New York, residing on the Niagara frontier, praying compensation for their houses and other property, destroyed by the British forces, upon the invasion of that frontier, in the month of December, 1813.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Fisher presented a petition of Alexander Thomas, praying compensation for his services as a soldier in the Revolutionary army; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Pinckney presented a memorial and petition of the inhabitants of the city of Charleston, in South Carolina, in opposition to any increase of the tariff of duties on imports, by way of protection to the manufacturing interest of the country.

Mr. Tucker, of South Carolina, presented a similar memorial from the inhabitants of the district of Newberry, in that state.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Metcalf presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Kentucky, purchasers of public lands, praying that the moneys already paid may be applied to the payment of as much land as it will cover at two dollars per acre, the residue to be relinquished to the United States.

Mr. Sloan presented a petition of Abraham Kroft, stating, that he purchased of the United States certain fractional sections of land, lying in the Canton district, in the state of Ohio, for which he has completed his payments; and that, upon an accurate resurvey, the tracts contain eighty-six acres less than the quantity for which they were sold; and praying that the excess of the purchase money may be refunded to him.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of James Smith, representative of Ambrose D. Smith; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams also made an unfavorable report on so much of the petition of Cornelius Huson, as relates to the loss of horses; which was read, and also ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Overstreet,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of discontinuing the mail route from Pocatigo to Augusta, by Hickory Hill, in South Carolina, and establishing the former route from Coosawhatchie, by Robertville, King Creek, &c. to Augusta, as heretofore.

Mr. Sibley submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing David Cooper eighty dollars, the estimated value of a chimney and the plank of a house, taken for the use of the United States, under an order of captain Holder, of the seventeenth regiment of infantry, in the month of December, 1814, and applied in the erection of barracks in fort Shelby.

The said resolution was read, and the question was put to agree thereto,

And determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Claims, made on the 17th April, 1820, on the petition of Henry de Lord, be committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to alter the time of holding the district court in the district of Mississippi," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid; and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein; Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, reported

that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and came to no resolution thereon.

On motion of Mr. Lowndes,

Ordered, That the daily hour to which the House shall stand adjourned, until otherwise ordered, be eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, December 8, 1820.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Paul Beck, junr. and Thomas Sparks, shot manufacturers in the city of Philadelphia, praying that an additional duty of one cent per pound may be imposed on foreign shot imported into the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Warfield presented a petition of George Rheam, praying compensation for the services of his servant man as a soldier in the Revolutionary army; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Campbell, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the petition of James Ross; which was read, and the resolution therein submitted was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Kent, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, reported a bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to alter the times of the session of the circuit and district courts in the District of Columbia;" which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Richmond,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Cayuga to Montezuma, in the state of New York.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the governor of the state of Louisiana, enclosing a certificate of the election of Josiah S. Johnson; as the Representative of that state in the seventeenth Congress of the United States; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting sundry statements, rendered in obedience to the resolution of this House, of the 28th ultimo, respecting the amount of moneys drawn from the Treasury for the War and Navy Departments, from 30th December, 1819, to the 13th November, 1820, with the disposition thereof, and of transfers during the late recess of Congress; which were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Foot moved that the House do now proceed to consider the re-

solution submitted by him on the 6th instant, in relation to the infliction of corporal punishment, and the prohibition of the practice of duelling in the navy of the United States; and the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hill reported that the committee of the whole had, according to order, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and directed him to report the resolution thereto committed, on the 23d ultimo, declaring the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said resolution lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, December 9, 1820.

Mr. Wendover presented a memorial of the Mercantile Society of the city of New York, praying for an imposition of a duty of ten per cent. on sales at auction; for the establishment of an uniform system of bankruptcy; and that such a modification of the tariff of duties on imports may be made, as is demanded by the best interests of the nation.

Ordered, That so much of the said memorial as relates to a system of bankruptcy, be referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill reported at the last session upon that subject; and that the residue of said memorial be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Rankin,

Ordered, That the petition of Joseph Vidal, heretofore presented on the 1st of January, 1815, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill, making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United States for the year 1821; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Mr. Foot, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to provide for paying to the state of Illinois three per cent. of the nett proceeds arising from the sale of the public lands within the same," and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Cocke,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to communicate to this House any information he may possess, tending to shew whether the order given by colonel King, of the fourth regiment of infantry, to shoot deserters taken in the fact, was approved by any general officer in the service of the United States, or known to, or passed

over in silence by him, as stated in the defence of said colonel King before a court martial, sitting in the state of Alabama, in the year 1819; and, also, any information he may possess, shewing that corporal punishment has been inflicted on any soldier, whereby he came to his death; and, if any, by whose order it was inflicted, and what measures have been taken relative thereto.

On motion of Mr. Whitman,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the times for issuing land warrants to soldiers of the Revolution, and for locating the same.

Mr. Cooke submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing Benjamin Stephenson to locate four hundred and ninety-five acres of land in the state of Illinois, as a compensation for that quantity granted by the state of Virginia to George Hite, in the state of Kentucky, which, upon reserve, was found to have been previously patented to another person, and which was transferred to the said Stephenson by the said Hite.

The resolution was read, and the question was put to agree thereto, and determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Rankin,

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a port of entry at the mouth of Pearl river, in the state of Mississippi.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the latest return made to the Treasury Department of the general state of the Bank of the United States, and its offices of discount and deposit, in pursuance of the resolution of the 5th instant; which letter and statement were ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to alter the times of the session of the circuit and district courts in the District of Columbia,'" was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution declaring the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union: when,

Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, moved that the said resolution be recommended to the committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 73
Nays 90

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot

Alexander

Anderson

Mr. Archer; *Va.*

Baker

Baldwin

Mr. Barber

Beecher

Bloomfield

Mr. Brevard

Brown
Brush
Bryan
Burton
Burwell
Butler, *Lou.*
Cobb
Cocke
Crowell
Dickinson
Earle
Edwards, *N. C.*
Fisher
Lloyd
Ford
Garnett
Gorham
Gray
Hall, *N. C.*
Hill
Jackson

Mr. Johnson

Jones, *Va.*
Jones, *Ten.*
Lowndes
McCoy
McCreary
McLane, *Del.*
McLean, *Ken.*
Meigs
Mercer
Metcalf
Montgomery
T. L. Moore
Neale
Nelson, *Va.*
Newton
Parker, *Va.*
Pinckney
Randolph
Rankin
Reed
Rhea

Mr. Shaw

Simkins
Slocumb
Smith, *N. J.*
B. Smith, *Va.*
A. Smyth, *Va.*
Smith, *N. C.*
Southard
Storrs
Strong, *Vt.*
Strong, *N. Y.*
Swearingen
Terrell
Tompkins
Trimble
Tyler
Walker
Warfield
Williams, *Va.*
Williams, *N. C.*

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Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams

Allen, *Mass.*
Allen, *N. Y.*
Archer, *Md.*
Ball
Bateman
Boden
Buffum
Butler, *N. H.*
Campbell
Cannon
Case
Claggett
Clark
Cooke
Crafts
Culpepper
Cushman
Darlington
Davidson
Dennison
Dewitt
Eddy
Edwards, *Con.*
Edwards, *Pen.*

Mr. Eustis

Fay
Folger
Foot
Forrest
Fuller
Gross, *N. Y.*
Gross, *Pen.*
Guyon
Hall, *N. Y.*
Hall, *Del.*
Hardin
Hazard
Hemphill
Hendricks
Hibshman
Hooks
Kendall
Kent
Kinsey
Kinsley
Lathrop
Lincoln
Linn
Livermore

Mr. McCullough

Mallary
Marchand
Meech
Monell
R. Moore
S. Moore
Moreton
Moseley
Murray
Nelson, *Mass.*
Overstreet
Parker, *Mass.*
Patterson
Phelps
Philson
Plumer
Rich
Richards
Richmond
Robertson
Rogers
Ross
Russ
Sawyer

Mr. Sergeant	Mr. Street	Mr. Upham
Silsbee	Tarr	Van Rensselaer
Sloan	Tomlinson	Wallace
Smith, <i>Md.</i>	Tracy	Wendover
Stevens	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>	Whitman.....90

The question was then stated, Shall the resolution be engrossed, and read a third time?

And debate arising thereon,

The House adjourned.

MONDAY, December 11, 1820.

A new member, to wit: from the state of Maine, late a part of the state of Massachusetts, Joseph Dane, elected to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of John Holmes, appeared and took his seat, the oath to support the constitution of the United States being first administered to him by the Speaker.

John A. Cuthbert, from the state of Georgia, also appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Hill presented a petition of Daniel Merrill, an officer of the Revolutionary army, praying compensation for his services as such, as also for a pension; which petition was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Mallary presented a petition of Jonathan Deping, praying for a pension in consideration of services, as a soldier, in the Revolutionary army; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Tracy,

Ordered, That the petition of David Beard, heretofore presented on the 25th February, 1818, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Pinckney presented a petition of William Smith, junr. surety of Nathaniel Ingraham & Sons, late navy agents of the United States, in Charleston, South Carolina, praying for the remission of the interest on a sum recovered against him as surety aforesaid, for reasons set forth in his petition.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Jackson presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Tyler, in the state of Virginia, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of William W. Hall, late surgeon of the first rifle regiment, complaining that, without any cause whatever, he was reduced from the rank of a surgeon, to that of an hospital surgeon's mate, and that a pension has been granted to him according to the latter rank, and that such pension has been made to take effect long after the time at which it was rightfully

due; and praying to be restored to his proper rank, with the pension attached thereto, and that the arrearages of such pension may be also allowed him.

Ordered, That so much of said petition as relates to the rank of the petitioner be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs; and that so much thereof as relates to his pension be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Sergeant, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a report on the memorial of the legislative council and house of representatives of the territory of Arkansas, complaining of the delay and denial of justice from the neglect and non-attendance of the judges appointed for that territory; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the case of Samuel Lee, administrator of William Lee, deceased; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, also made an unfavorable report on the petition of Samuel Dale, (a copy of that made by the same committee on the 10th January last) which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams also made a report on the petition of sundry merchants of Baltimore, for compensation for vessels sunk in the harbor of that city, to prevent the approach of the British shipping in the fall of the year 1814, accompanied with a bill for their relief; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Williams also made a report on the petition of Rosalie P. Deslonde, accompanied with a bill for her relief; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be required to communicate to this House any information which may have been received by that department, touching any alterations in the commercial laws or regulations of any of the nations of Europe, which may have been made or adopted since the year 1817.

On motion of Mr. Butler, of New Hampshire,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing, by law, for prohibiting printers and editors of newspapers, and all other persons who are proprietors of any such printing establishment, or in any way concerned in the publication of newspapers, from being mail contractors or postmasters, and also prohibiting postmasters from being mail contractors, or being employed in the conveyance of the mail.

On motion of Mr. Jackson,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the eleventh section of the act, entitled "An act for regulating processes in the courts of the

United States, and providing compensations for the officers of the said courts and for jurors and witnesses," providing for the removal of suits and actions in certain cases.

Mr. Whitman submitted the following resolution, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table for one day:

Resolved, That the 16th rule, in relation to the "order of business of the day," be so far altered, that the Speaker, in calling for petitions, shall hereafter begin by calling for petitions from *Maine*.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution declaring the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union; when,

Mr. Baldwin moved to amend the same by striking out the preamble prefixed thereto, and the words "Be it therefore," immediately succeeding the said preamble:

And the question being taken so to amend,

It passed in the affirmative.

The question then again recurred, and was stated, Shall the resolution, as amended, be engrossed and read a third time?

And, after farther debate thereon,

The House adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 12, 1820;

Mr. Morton presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Bristol, in the state of Massachusetts, praying that the turnpike road leading from the village of Taunton to Boston, may be established as a post road.

Mr. Dennison presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Columbia, Luzerne, Lycoming, and Bradford, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying that the Tioga turnpike may be established as a post road.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Tomlinson,

Ordered, That the petition of Benjamin Dickerson, heretofore presented on the 4th of February, 1820, be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Meigs presented the petition of Daniel Palmer, praying for the arrearages of pension to which he conceives himself entitled.

The Speaker presented a petition of Jesse Mead, praying for a pension in consideration of services in the army of the Revolution.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Meigs presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants, consisting of merchants, traders, mechanics, landlords, tenants, &c. of the city of New York, praying that a duty of ten per cent. may be imposed on sales at auction.

Mr. Hill presented a memorial of the merchants of the town of Bath, in the state of Maine, in opposition to an increase of the tariff of duties on imports, by way of protection to the manufacturing interest of the country.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Jackson presented a petition of John W. Thompson, praying compensation for a wagon and team lost in the military service of the United States in the late war with Great Britain; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Brush presented a memorial and petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, purchasers of public lands, praying that they may be permitted to apply the payments already made to such portions of their entries as those payments will cover, at two dollars per acre, relinquishing the residue to the United States.

Mr. Cooke presented a similar memorial from sundry inhabitants of the state of Illinois.

Mr. Crowell presented a memorial of the legislature of the state of Alabama, praying that relief may be extended to such purchasers of public lands as have not completed their payments therefor, either by an extension of credit, or a reduction of the price at which said lands have been sold.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Kent, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, reported a bill to repeal part of an act passed by the state of Maryland in the year 1784, and now in force in Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, entitled "An act for an addition to Georgetown, in Montgomery county;" which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole on Thursday next.

Mr. McCoy, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of William T. Nimmo, accompanied with a bill for his relief; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill for the relief of Rosalie P. Deslonde.

Mr. Foot, from the joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to provide for paying to the state of Illinois three per cent. of the nett proceeds arising from the sale of the public lands within the same."

On motion of Mr. Robertson,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing the Postmaster at Danville, in Kentucky, an additional compensation for his services.

On motion of Mr. Allen, of Tennessee,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the War Department be required to lay before this House such extracts from the Inspection Roll of the army engaged in the Seminole war, as will show whether or not the mounted men employed in that service continued to furnish, at their own expense, horses fit for duty until discharged; also, whether or not any rule was adopted, or compensation given said troops for their services, not made applicable, and given, to all other troops of the same description employed in the service of the United States,

On motion of Mr. Ballard Smith,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Woodring's mill, in the county of Preston, in the state of Virginia, by the way of Goff's ferry, on Cheat river, to Leading creek, in Randolph county, in said state.

On motion of Mr. Jackson,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Lewis court house by French Creek settlement, Flat Woods, and Elk river, to Nicholas court house, in Virginia.

On motion of Mr. Plumer,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing, by law, that articles of export, inspected under the authority of one state, may be exported from any other state without being again inspected in the state from which they may be exported.

Mr. Rich submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following be added to the Rules and Orders of this House, viz.

"A proposition, requesting information from the President of the United States, or directing it to be furnished by the head of either of the Executive Departments, or by the Postmaster General, shall lie on the table one day, for consideration, unless otherwise ordered by the unanimous consent of the House."

The said resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table till to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Comptroller of the Treasury, transmitting a list received from the Fourth Auditor of the Treasury, of those officers charged with the disbursement of the public money, on account of the navy, who have failed to render their accounts within the year; and an abstract of the balances remaining on his (the Fourth Auditor's) books, due from individuals for more than three years, prior to the 30th September last; which letter and accompanying documents were ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Whitman,

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him yesterday for an amendment to the 16th Rule of the House; and, the same being again read,

The question was taken, Will the House agree thereto?

And determined in the negative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills, and a resolution, of the following titles, to wit: "An act for the relief of John Holmes, of Alabama; An act for the relief of Morgan Brown; and a resolution declaring the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union;" in which bills and resolution they request the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. James Monroe, junior, his Secretary, notifying that the Pre-

sident did, this day, approve and sign An act to provide for paying to the state of Illinois three per cent. of the nett proceeds arising from the sale of the public lands within the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a report made in obedience to a resolution of this House of the 13th of May last, directing him to report, at the present session of Congress, what alterations or modifications, if any, are required in the several acts fixing the fees and emoluments of the officers of the customs; and, also, a plan for compensating them according to the services they perform, respectively; which letter and accompanying documents were referred to the Committee of Commerce.

The Speaker also laid before the House a report from the Secretary of War, containing a plan for the reduction of the army, made in obedience to the resolution of this House of the 11th of May last; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs:

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution declaring the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union; and the question depending yesterday was again stated, to wit: Shall the said resolution be engrossed, and read a third time?

And, after farther debate thereon,

The House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, December 13, 1820.

Another member, to wit: from North Carolina, Thomas Settle, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Upham presented a petition of Daniel Piper, praying for a pension, which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Ford presented a petition of Eber Hubbard, praying compensation for a vessel taken by the British forces while in the military service of the United States in the late war; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Sergeant presented a memorial of the president and directors of the Bank of the United States, on the part of the stockholders of the said bank, praying for an amendment in that part of the charter of said bank which provides that no director except the President, shall be eligible for more than three years in four; that provision may be made for the punishment of such officers of the bank, as may be guilty of fraud, speculation, or violation of the trust committed to them; that authority may be vested in the said president and directors to employ persons to sign and countersign the notes of the bank; and that the bills or notes originally made payable, or which shall have become payable on demand, shall of right be received and payable only at the bank or branch of the bank, at which the same purports to be payable; which memorial was referred to a select committee, and Mr. Sergeant, Mr. Whitman, Mr. Tyler, Mr. Gorham, and Mr. Hardin, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Sergeant also presented a petition of Jane Baker, widow of Thomas Baker, formerly a post captain in the navy of the United States, praying that the pension enjoyed by her husband in his life time, may be continued to her; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Barbour presented a memorial of the merchants, agriculturists, and other inhabitants of the town of Fredericksburg, and the adjacent county, in the state of Virginia, praying that the commerce of the country may not be fettered or impeded by any increase of the tariff of duties on imports, for the purpose of affording further protection to the manufacturing interest of the country.

Mr. Jones, of Virginia, presented a memorial of the merchants and other inhabitants of the town of Petersburg in that state, in opposition to any change in the boundaries of the collection district of Petersburg.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Jones also presented a petition of the delegates of the United Agricultural Societies of Prince George, Sussex, Surry, Petersburg, Brunswick, Dinwiddie, and Isle of Wight, in the state of Virginia, praying that the tariff of duties on imports may not be increased for the purpose of affording further protection to the manufacturing interests of the country; which petition was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Brevard presented sundry resolutions adopted at a numerous and respectable meeting of the inhabitants of Kershaw district, held at Camden, in the state of South Carolina, on the 4th of November last, expressive of their disapprobation of any increase of the tariff of duties on imports.

Mr. Whitman presented a memorial from a convention of delegates, assembled from the agricultural and commercial sections of the state of Maine, in relation to the tariff proposed at the last session of Congress, and praying that no such measure may be adopted at the present session.

Ordered, That the said resolutions and memorial be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Robertson presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Danville, in the state of Kentucky, praying that additional compensation may be granted to the postmaster in said town; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in obedience to the resolution of this House of the 15th of May last, directing him to report at the present session such officers of the customs as may be properly suppressed on account of their inutility or from any other cause; which report was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and documents of John Polerezsky heretofore presented to this House.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of John Holmes, of Alabama; and,

Mr. Tucker, <i>Va.</i>	Mr. Walker	Mr. Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>	Warfield	
Tyler	Williams, <i>Va.</i>	79
Those who voted in the negative, are,		
Mr. Adams	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Gorham	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Patterson
Baker	Gross, <i>Pa.</i>	Phelps
Bateman	Guyon	Philson
Beecher	Hackley	Plumer
Boden	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Rich
Brush	Hall, <i>Del.</i>	Richards
Buffum	Hemphill	Richmond
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Hendricks	Rogers
Campbell	Hibshman	Ross
Case	Hill	Russ
Clagett	Hostetter	Sergeant
Clark	Kendall	Silsbee
Cook	Kinsey	Sloan
Crafts	Kinsley	Southard
Cushman	Lathrop	Stevens
Dane	Lincoln	Storrs
Darlington	Linn	Street
Dennison	Livermore	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Dewitt	Maclay	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Dickinson	McCullough	Tarr
Eddy	Mallary	Tomlinson
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Marchand	Tompkins
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Meech	Tracy
Eustis	Monell	Upham
Fay	R. Moore	Van Rensselaer
Folger	S. Moore	Wallace
Foot	Morton	Wendover
Ford	Moseley	Whitman
Forrest	Murray	Wood.....93

And so the said resolution was rejected.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 14, 1820.

Mr. Wendover presented a memorial of the merchants, traders, mechanics, landlords, tenants, and other inhabitants, of the city of New York and other parts of the United States, praying that a duty of ten per cent. may be imposed on sales at auction, which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Isachar Thorpe, Joseph Siddall, and James Thorpe, manufacturers in Philadelphia, praying payment of a certificate of public debt issued from the office of the commissary general of purchases on the 3d of November, 1814,

for the sum of 2,181 dollars and 39 cents; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Darlington presented a petition of Sarah Dewees and others, heirs and representatives of the late colonel William Dewees, praying further compensation for property belonging to the deceased, situated at Valley Forge; in the state of Pennsylvania, destroyed by the British army in the Revolutionary war, in consequence of its being in the service of the troops of the United States.

Mr. Metcalf presented a petition of Thomas Paslay, praying compensation for his services as a soldier, as also for allowance for clothing while a soldier in the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of George Keese and Joseph Potter, which were read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Alexander Smyth, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made a report on so much of the petition of doctor William H. Hall, as was referred to that committee, which report was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That William H. Hall have leave to withdraw his petition.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill to establish the district of Pearl river; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was recommitted the bill further to regulate the entry of merchandise imported into the United States from any adjacent territory, reported the same with sundry amendments, which were read, and, together with the bill, committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Secretary of War, in obedience to the resolution of the 9th instant, respecting the order of colonel King, late of the 4th infantry, to shoot deserters, and the punishment of any soldier whereby he came to his death; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Claims in the case of John Chalmers, made at the last session, together with the papers connected therewith, be recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Tracy, and the same being amended, was agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to lay before this House a list of all the lands and buildings which have been purchased by the United States for military purposes from the 1st day of July, 1800, to the present time; the cost of each site and of the buildings, as far as may be practicable; together with the estimated present

value; also, indicating those which, in the judgment of the Secretary, may be sold without injury to the public defence.

On motion of Mr. Clagett,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing by law a post road in the nearest and best direction from Amherst, in New Hampshire, to Worcester, in Massachusetts, or so to alter or extend any post route now established between those places as to effect the above object.

On motion of Mr. Trimble,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire whether any, and what, further provision ought to be made by law to secure the safe transmission of public moneys from the several land offices to the places of deposit designated by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Southard submitted the following resolution, which was read, and laid on the table one day, for consideration.

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House a statement of expenditures and receipts in the Indian Department; also, the nature and extent of the contracts entered into, and with whom, from the establishment of that department to the present period.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the officers and volunteers engaged in the late campaign against the Seminole Indians," in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the report of the Committee on the Public Lands, made at the last session, respecting the propriety of procuring copies of the plats and field notes of the Ohio company's purchase, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that it lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill reported at the last session for the relief of Margaret Perry; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Ballard Smith reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Livermore then moved that the said bill be recommitted to the Committee on the Public Lands, which, being rejected, it was

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of William McIntosh; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Street reported the same with amendments, which were read and concurred in, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of the family of the late Oliver Hazard Perry, Esq. and

for the education of his children at the public charge; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Butler, of New Hampshire, reported that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill authorizing grants of bounty lands in certain cases; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Metcalf reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Little then moved that the bill lie on the table, which, being rejected, it was

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the report of the Committee of Claims made the 12th January last, on the petition of John G. Bogert; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cocke reported the resolution therein submitted without amendment.

The said resolution was then again read and concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted, and that he have leave to withdraw his petition and documents.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of Daniel M'Duff; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Campbell reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Maclay then moved that the said bill be committed to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, with instructions so to amend the same as to increase the pension of said M'Duff to the sum of twenty dollars per month; which motion to commit being rejected, it was

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Cobb, it was

Ordered, That the daily hour to which the House shall stand adjourned, until otherwise ordered, be 12 o'clock.

Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, then moved that when the House adjourns it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next; which, being rejected,

The House then adjourned till to-morrow.

FRIDAY, December 15, 1820.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of the New York County Society for the promotion of agriculture and domestic manufactures, praying that further measures may be taken for the protection of the manufacturing interest of the country.

Mr. Baldwin presented a memorial of the merchants, traders, ma-

manufacturers, and others, of the city of Pittsburgh, praying that a duty may be imposed on sales at auction of foreign manufactured goods.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of Eli Hart, praying to be allowed and paid the interest and discount on certain moneys loaned by him to the Quartermaster General's Department in the late war with Great Britain; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Julia Plantou, of the city of Philadelphia, praying Congress to purchase a national painting, executed by her, being an emblematical or allegorical representation of the treaty of Ghent; which petition was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the petition of J. Ottramarc, jeweller, of Bordeaux, in France, presented on the 12th May, 1820, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Anderson presented a petition of William Pope, junior, praying that patents may be issued on warrants issued from the War Department to Canadian volunteers, and purchased by him; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Colonel James Livingston, which was read, and the resolution therein submitted was concurred in by the House as follows:

Resolved, That the said petition, and memorial of the said petitioner, be rejected.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Joshua Spear and William Amberson, and that they be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of John M'Cartney, which was read, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Mallary, from the select committee appointed on the petition of Benjamin Tyler, junr. and John Tyler, made a report thereon, accompanied with a bill for their relief; which, by leave of the House, was received, read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The House proceeded to consider the report made on the 30th ultimo, by the Committee on Manufactures, on the memorials of sundry inhabitants of Belfast, in the state of Maine, and of Richmond,

in the state of Virginia; and the report being read, was again ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Swearingen,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Springfield to Romney, in Hampshire county, Virginia.

The resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Southard, was taken up, modified, and agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House a statement of expenditures and receipts in the Indian department; also, the nature and extent of the contracts entered into, and with whom, from the 2d of March, 1811, to the present period.

Ordered, That Mr. Southard and Mr. Dane be a committee to present the foregoing resolution to the President.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to authorize grants of bounty lands in certain cases," was read the third time.

And the question being taken on the passage thereof,

It was determined in the negative.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Margaret Perry; and,

An act for the relief of William McIntosh,
were severally read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Anderson,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, December 18, 1820.

A new member, to wit: from Massachusetts, Aaron Hobart, elected to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Zabdiel Sampson, appeared and took his seat, the oath to support the constitution of the United States being first administered to him by the Speaker.

Mr. Eddy announced the death of Nathaniel Hazard, a member of this House, from the state of Rhode Island. Whereupon,

Resolved, unanimously, That a committee be appointed to take order for superintending the funeral of Nathaniel Hazard, deceased, late a representative from the state of Rhode Island. And,

Mr. Eddy, Mr. Morton, Mr. Russ, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Mallery, Mr. Archer of Maryland, and Mr. Cocke, were appointed the said committee.

Resolved, unanimously, That the members of this House will testify their respect for the memory of Nathaniel Hazard, late one of their body, by wearing crape on the left arm for one month.

Resolved, unanimously, That the members of this House will attend the funeral of the late Nathaniel Hazard, this day, at two o'clock.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate to notify them of the death of Nathaniel Hazard, late a member of this House, and that his funeral will take place this day, at two o'clock.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 19, 1820.

Mr. Livermore presented a petition of Thomas Earnes, stating that, during the late war with Great Britain, the collector of the customs for the district of White Mountains seized forty-one head of fat cattle, the property of the petitioner, for an alleged violation of the laws of the United States, which said cattle were libelled, condemned, and sold, and the proceeds of such sale distributed according to law. That, upon an appeal to the circuit court of the United States, for the state of New Hampshire, the decree of condemnation was reversed; and praying that the value of his cattle, together with the costs of suit, which he has been compelled to pay, may be refunded to him with interest thereon; and, also, that such further relief in the premises may be granted to him as shall seem just and reasonable.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Benjamin H. Rand, writing master, stating that, under the circumstances therein set forth, a plate has been engraved in London, on which he intends to publish a splendid edition of the Farewell Address of General Washington; and praying that the duties to which the said plate will be subjected, on its arrival in the United States, may be remitted.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Livermore presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, in New Hampshire.

Mr. Ford presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Jefferson county, in the state of New York.

Mr. Storrs presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the towns of Floyd, Western, and Steuben, in the county of Oneida, and state of New York, respectively praying for the establishment of post routes.

The Speaker presented petitions from sundry inhabitants of Saratoga county, in the state of New York, praying the discontinuance of certain post roads, and the establishment of a new one in their stead.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Ford presented a petition of Elisha Camp, and his associates, owners of a steam-boat, plying between Sackett's Harbour and Kingston, in the British province of Upper Canada, praying to be relieved from the necessity of taking out a clearance for each trip of said boat;

and, in lieu thereof, that a general clearance may be granted, under such restrictions as Congress may think proper to impose.

Mr. Cuthbert presented a memorial of the managers of the Savannah Poor House and Hospital Society, soliciting that the petition presented by them at the last session may now be taken up, and the prayer thereof granted.

Ordered, That the said petition and memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Storrs presented a petition of John Post, a soldier in the Revolutionary army, praying for a pension.

Mr. Brush presented a petition of Samuel Finley, an officer in the Revolutionary army, praying to be allowed and paid the five years full pay as the commutation of half pay for life, to which he was entitled for his services in the capacity aforesaid.

Mr. Cooke presented a petition of Adam Haskin, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Joseph M. Sanderson, praying for the patronage of Congress in a publication in which he is now engaged, containing a biographical notice, with portraits, of the signers of the Declaration of Independence; which petition was referred to the Joint Library Committee.

Mr. McCullough presented a petition of Richard O'Brien, late American Consul General in Algiers, stating, that the act passed at the last session of Congress for his relief, has failed to produce a settlement of his accounts upon the principles of equity and justice, and praying that another act may be passed for that purpose; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Little presented a petition of Mary White, widow of Jonathan White, deceased, a soldier in the Revolutionary army, praying that the arrearages of pension due her husband at the time of his death, may be paid to her for the benefit of herself and the family of the deceased; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Swearingen presented a petition of John Stipp, praying to be exonerated from the payment of a judgment obtained against him in the courts of the United States in the state of Ohio, for an unintentional violation of the late acts imposing duties on distilleries and distilled spirits; which was referred to a select committee; and

Mr. Swearingen, Mr. Hall of Delaware, and Mr. Settle, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Mercer presented a petition of Ann West, widow and executrix of Hugh West, deceased, late surveyor of the customs for the port and district of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, praying to be paid the proportion, to which the deceased was entitled, of a vessel called the Betsy and Charlotte, and cargo, condemned, according to law, for a violation of the act prohibiting commercial intercourse with certain parts of the island of Saint Domingo; which forfeiture

was wholly remitted by the President of the United States without the consent of the deceased.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, purchasers of public lands, praying that they may be permitted to apply the payments already made to such portions of their entries as those payments will cover at two dollars per acre, relinquishing the residue to the United States.

Mr. Cooke presented a petition of James McFarland, Hampton Pankey, and William Frizell, stating that, from causes beyond their control, they were compelled to pay upwards of four dollars per acre for their lands; that they have paid a considerable part of the purchase money, but are unable to pay the balance, and praying that the excess beyond two dollars per acre may be remitted to them.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Bates presented a petition of Charles Kelly, praying that his title to a tract of land in the territory of Arkansas may be confirmed.

The Speaker presented a petition of Robert Craddock, sole devisee of Peter Tardiveau, deceased, who was the brother, partner, and sole heir of Bartholomew Tardiveau, deceased, praying that his title to four tracts of land lying near the town of Kaskaskia, in the state of Illinois, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Joseph Wheaton; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, also made reports on the petitions of Joshua Browning and Alexander McCormick, which were read; and the resolutions therein submitted were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners, respectively, ought not to be granted.

Mr. Williams also made a report on the petition of Joseph McNeil, accompanied with a bill for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. James Monroe, junior, his Secretary, as follows:

To the House of Representatives:

In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 21st November last, requesting the President to lay before the House information relating to the progress and expenditures of the commissioners under the fifth, sixth, and seventh articles of the treaty of Ghent, I now transmit a report from the Secretary of State,

with documents, containing all the information in the possession of that Department, requested by the resolution.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, Dec. 14, 1820.

The said message was read, and, with the accompanying documents, ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Southard, from the committee appointed on the 15th instant, to present to the President of the United States a resolution, that day adopted, reported that the committee had performed that service, and that the President answered that he would attend to the request contained in the resolution.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting information in relation to the horses furnished by the mounted men in the war with the Seminole Indians; as also, in relation to the rules prescribed for compensating said men, not applicable to all other troops of the same description, furnished in obedience to the resolution of the 12th instant; which was read, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a printed statement of the receipts and expenditures of the United States for the year 1819; which were ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Floyd,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the situation of the settlements upon the Pacific Ocean, and the expediency of occupying the Columbia river.

Mr. Floyd, Mr. Metcalfe, and Mr. Swearingen, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Eddy,

Resolved, That the Speaker of this House be requested to inform the Executive of the state of Rhode Island of the death of Nathaniel Hazard, one of the representatives from said state.

Mr. Floyd submitted the following resolution, which, under the rule, will lie on the table for consideration until to-morrow.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Department of War be required to lay before this House a statement of the number and situation of the military posts in the United States at this time; together with the distribution of the army; designating the number of men, also, the number and rank of the officers at each place.

On motion of Mr. Phelps,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to investigate the affairs of the Post Office Department, with power to send for persons and papers.

Mr. Phelps, Mr. Archer of Virginia, Mr. Culpepper, Mr. Allen of New York, and Mr. Hobart, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Monell,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, regulations can be adopt-

ed, consistent with the interest of the government, whereby, the soldiers of the late war, who have not received their bounty lands, can be better provided for than under existing laws.

Mr. Eustis submitted the following joint resolution, viz:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, and it is hereby declared, That, on the — day of — next ensuing, the state of Missouri shall be admitted into the Union upon an equal footing with the original states in all respects whatsoever: *provided*, that so much of the 26th section of the 3d article in the constitution of said state, presented to Congress at the present session, as makes it the duty of the legislature to pass such laws as shall be necessary "to prevent free negroes and mulattoes from coming to, and settling in, this state, under any pretext whatsoever," shall, on or before that day, be expunged therefrom.

The said resolution was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Baldwin submitted the following joint resolution, viz:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be authorized to adjourn the respective Houses from Friday the 22d day of December, 1820, to Tuesday the 2d of January, 1821.

The said resolution was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Mercer,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Buildings be instructed to inquire into the practicability of making such alterations in the present structure of the Hall of the House of Representatives as shall better adapt it to the purposes of a deliberative assembly; and, if no such alterations can be effected, to ascertain whether it be practicable to provide a suitable Hall in the centre building of the Capitol.

Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, submitted the following resolutions, which, under the rule, will lie on the table for consideration until tomorrow.

1. Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be instructed to prepare, and lay before this House, a statement shewing the number and tonnage of the American and British vessels which have cleared from the ports of the United States for any port in the West Indies, the Bahama Islands, and Bermuda, in the years 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819, and 1820, distinguishing, in the last year, those which have cleared before the 30th day of September, and those which have cleared since that date.

2. Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be instructed to state to this House, as far as he has information, the number and tonnage of the French ships which have arrived, and are expected to arrive, in the course of the present year, in the river St. Mary's, since the 1st of July last; whether their cargoes are intended for the consumption of the United States, and to be introduced within the terri-

stories of the same, in evasion of the revenue laws; and what further provision he deems necessary to be made by law for the more effectual collection of the revenue on the southern frontier.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill providing for the preservation and repair of the Cumberland road, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that it be re-committed to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel McDuff," was read the third time.

And, on the question, Shall it pass?

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas 72
Nays 70

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Allen, <i>N. F.</i>	Mr. Guyon	Mr. Nelson, <i>Va.</i>
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Hackley	Overstreet
Baldwin	Hall, <i>Del.</i>	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Ball	Hendricks	Parker, <i>Va.</i>
Beecher	Hibshman	Patterson
Bryan	Hill	Philson
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Hostetter	Pinckney
Cannon	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Rankin
Cocke	Kendall	Reed
Crawford	Kent	Robertson
Crowell	Kinsey	Rogers
Culbreth	Kinsley	Sergeant
Cushman	Little	Settle
Cuthbert	Lincoln	Silsbee
Darlington	Lowndes	Simkins
Dennison	McCreary	Sloan
Earle	M'Cullough	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Fay	Mallary	Storrs
Fisher	Mercer	Tracy
Ford	Monell	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Garnett	Montgomery	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Gorham	S. Moore	Walker
Gross, <i>N. F.</i>	Neale	Warfield
Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Whitman.....72

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Bateman	Mr. Calpepper
Adams	Bayly	Dane
Alexander	Brush	Davidson
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Buffum	Dewitt
Anderson	Burwell	Eddy
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Case	Edwards, <i>Con.</i>
Baker	Cobb	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>
Barbour	Crafts	Floyd

Mr. Folger	Mr. McLean, Ken.	Mr. Shaw
Foot	Marchand	A. Smyth, Va.
Fuller	Meech	Smith, N. C.
Gray	Metcalf	Street,
Hall, N. F.	R. Moore	Strong, Vt.
Hall, N. C.	T. L. Moore	Tarr
Hardin	Morton	Tomlinson
Hobart	Murray	Tompkins
Jackson	Phelps	Tyler
Johnson	Plumer	Upham
Jones, Va.	Rhea	Wendover
Lathrop	Rich	Williams, Va.
Linn	Richards	Williams, N. C.
Livermore	Richmond	Wood.....70
Maclay	Russ	
McCoy	Sawyer	

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made the 24th March last, on the petition of James Wood, be committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, December 20, 1820.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of Robert Dunn, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

The Speaker presented a communication, addressed to him by John Stevens, containing the details of a plan invented by him for the construction of steam batteries for the defence of the ports and harbors of the United States.

Mr. Hill presented a petition of Samuel Tucker, a captain in the navy of the United States during the Revolutionary war, praying to be allowed and paid the balance of pay due for his services in the capacity aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said communication and petition be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. McCullough presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Adams, in the state of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Brown presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Kentucky, respectively praying for the establishment of post routes.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Newton presented a petition of Raymond Gervais, praying for the remission of a part of the duties secured to be paid on a quantity of earthen ware imported from Great Britain, which, upon examination, was found to be greatly injured by breakage; which was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Newton also presented a petition of Thomas Oxley, an alien, residing in Norfolk, praying that letters patent may be granted to him for the invention of a machine called "the American land clearing machine and land clearing engine;" which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill for the relief of Benjamin Tyler and John Tyler; and that it be committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of Sarah Dewees, and others, representatives of the late Colonel William Dewees, deceased; and of Jane Baker, widow of the late Captain Thomas Baker, deceased; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rhea, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of John Fleece; which was read, and the resolution therein submitted was concurred in by the House as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Jesse Meade and Bartlett Hinds, and that the former be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, and the latter to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Morgan Brown," made a report thereon, recommending that the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

Ordered, That the said bill and report be committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, also made unfavorable reports on the cases of Septa Fillmore and Hannah Davis; which were read, and severally committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Williams also made a report on the case of Henry Brother; which was read, and the resolution therein submitted was concurred in by the House as follows:

Resolved, That the claim of Henry Brother be rejected.

Mr. Williams also made a report on the petition of Lewis H. Guerlain, accompanied with a bill for his relief; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Williams also made a report on the petition of Alexander Milne, accompanied with a bill for his relief; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Williams also made a report on the petition of John Rodriguez, accompanied with a bill for his relief; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Edwards, of North Carolina, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, reported a bill in addition to the several acts mak-

ing provision for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the report made by the Committee of Claims the 10th of January last, on the case of Mary Sears, be committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the joint resolution submitted by Mr. Baldwin yesterday, for a temporary adjournment of Congress; and, the same being again read,

The question was taken, Shall the said resolution be engrossed, and read a third time?

And determined in the negative, { Yeas 42
Nays 110

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Earle	Mr. Nelson, Va.
Archer, Md.	Edwards, Pen.	Overstreet
Baldwin	Fisher	Pinckney
Ball	Floyd	Randolph
Barbour	Gorham	Rankin
Brown	Guyon	Reed
Brush	Hall, Del.	Robertson
Burton	Jackson	Sergeant
Cobb	Jones, Ten.	Settle
Cocke	Kinsey	Shaw
Crawford	Lowndes	Simkins
Crowell	Meech	Swearingen
Culbreth	Mercer	Terrell
Davidson	T. L. Moore	Williams, Va...42

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Clark	Ford
Adams	Crafts	Forrest
Allen, Mass.	Culpepper	Fuller
Allen, N. Y.	Cushman	Gray
Allen, Tenn.	Cuthbert	Gross, N. Y.
Baker	Dane	Gross, Pen.
Bateman	Darlington	Hall, N. Y.
Bayly	Dennison	Hall, N. C.
Beecher	Dewitt	Hardin
Boden	Dickinson	Hendricks
Brevard	Eddy	Hipshman
Bryan	Edwards, Con.	Hill
Buffum	Edwards, N. C.	Hostetter
Burwell	Eustis	Johnson
Campbell	Fay	Jones, Va.
Case	Folger	Kendall
Clagett	Foot	Kent

Mr. Kinsley	Mr. Murray	Mr. B. Smith, Va.
Lathrop	Neale	A. Smyth, Va.
Little	Nelson, Mass.	Southard
Lincoln	Newton	Stevens
Linn	Parker, Mass.	Street
Maclay	Patterson	Strong, Vt.
McCoy	Phelps	Tarr
McCreary	Philson	Tomlinson
McCullough	Plumer	Tompkins
McLean, Kan.	Rhea	Tracy
Mallery	Rich	Trimble
Marchand	Richards	Tucker, Va.
Meigs	Richmond	Tucker, S. C.
Metcalf	Rogers	Upham
Monell	Ross	Van Rensselaer
Montgomery	Russ	Warfield
R. Moore	Sawyer	Wendover
S. Moore	Silsbee	Whitman
Morton	Sloan	Wood.....110
Moseley	Smith, N. J.	



And so the said resolution was rejected.

The House proceeded to consider the resolutions submitted yesterday by Mr. Tucker, of Virginia; and, the same being again read, were agreed to by the House.

Mr. Ross submitted the following resolution, which was ordered to lie on the table one day for consideration.

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House the names of all persons who have been prosecuted and convicted in the courts of the United States, under the act of Congress passed the 14th of July, 1798, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled An act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States;" particularly designating in what state, and before what court convicted; the amount of the fine, together with the term of imprisonment inflicted on each defendant; also, the amount of fines paid into the Treasury of the United States, and by whom; the amount of such fines as may have been collected by the officers of government, and which have not yet been paid into the Treasury of the United States; the time when collected; also, by whom, and from whom collected.

On motion of Mr. Crowell,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Blakeley to Mobile Point, in the state of Alabama.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Floyd; and, being again read, Mr. Lathrop moved to amend the same, by adding thereto the following words: "*and whether any of the officers of the army hold any other office under the government, and, if so, with what salary and emoluments.*"

And the question being taken so to amend,
It passed in the affirmative.

The said resolution, as amended, was then agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Department of War be required to lay before this House a statement of the number and situation of all the military posts in the United States at this time; together with the distribution of the army, designating the number of men; also, the number and rank of the officers at each place; and whether any of the officers of the army hold any other office under the government, and, if so, with what salary and emoluments.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the joint resolution to establish the boundary line between the state of Ohio and the territory of Michigan; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, reported that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again. Whereupon,

On motion of Mr. Lowndes,

Ordered, That the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it be recommitted to the Committee on the Public Lands.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Elias Parks," with an amendment, in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said amendment was read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 21, 1820.

Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, announced the death of Jesse Slocumb, a member of this House, from the state of North Carolina. Whereupon,

Resolved, unanimously, That a committee be appointed to take order for superintending the funeral of Jesse Slocumb, deceased, late a Representative from the state of North Carolina; and,

Mr. Smith of North Carolina, Mr. Burton, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Hooks, Mr. Settle, Mr. Williams of North Carolina, and Mr. Davidson, were appointed the said committee.

Resolved, unanimously, That the members of this House will testify their respect for the memory of Jesse Slocumb, late one of their body, by wearing crape for one month.

Resolved, unanimously, That the members of this House will attend the funeral of the late Jesse Slocumb, this day, at three o'clock.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate to notify them of the death of Jesse Slocumb, late a member of this House, and that his funeral will take place this day at three o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of North Carolina,

Resolved, That the Speaker of this House be requested to inform

the Executive of the state of North Carolina of the death of Jesse Slocumb, late one of the Representatives from said state.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, December 22, 1820.

Mr. Allen, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Peggy Mel-len, stating that Alford Stebbins, deceased, who was a soldier in the late war with Great Britain, died in the service; that he was her son, and has left no heirs, and praying to be allowed the pay due him; as also for a grant of the bounty land to which he would have been entitled, had he lived.

Mr. Marchand presented a petition of James Brady, praying for the renewal of two warrants for Revolutionary bounty lands, which he states were deposited by his order in the Land Office, and cannot now be found.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

The Speaker presented a memorial of Charles P. Graze, artist, residing in Frederick county, state of Maryland, accompanied with a plan of a monument, which he solicits Congress to erect to the memory of the late General Washington.

Ordered, That the said memorial and plan be referred to the Committee on the Public Buildings.

Mr. Hostetter presented a petition of Catherine Louderman, mother of John Louderman, deceased, a soldier in the army in the late war with Great Britain, praying to be allowed and paid the pension to which her son was entitled at the time of his death.

Mr. Kent presented a petition of Richard Fenwick, praying for a pension, in consideration of services rendered in the Revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of Richard Talbot, an officer in the Revolutionary army, praying for a continuance of the pension heretofore granted him under the act of the 18th of March, 1818.

Mr. Parker presented a petition of John Polereczky, an officer in the Revolutionary war, praying compensation for a horse shot under him in battle in said war, and for such further compensation for his services as Congress, in their wisdom, may see fit to grant.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Mercer presented a petition of John Myers, confined in prison in Baltimore for debts due the United States, praying for a discharge, having assigned all his property to trustees for the purpose of discharging the claims against him; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Jackson presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Tyler

county, in the state of Virginia, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Mr. Brevard presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the states of North and South Carolina, residing near the sources of Pee Dee river; also praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, presented a petition of Elijah Boardman, a captain in the 6th regiment of infantry, praying compensation for property lost in one of the boats which sunk in the river Missouri on the passage to the Council Bluffs.

Mr. Cuthbert presented a petition of Minis & Henry, Stephen Hall, Asahel Howe, William T. Williams, Dunham & Reed, and Elias Reed, praying to be indemnified for the moneys advanced by them for the arrearages of pay due to discharged soldiers for services subsequent to the late war with Great Britain; the act of the 3d of March, 1819, for their relief, being construed to apply to such payments only as were for services rendered during the said war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill to authorize the President of the United States to establish a port of entry in the district of Sandusky, in the state of Ohio, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Rich, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the case of Eber Hubbard; which was read, and the resolution therein submitted was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the claim of Eber Hubbard ought not to be granted.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, enclosing an "organization of the army, as proposed under the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 11th of May, 1820," which is intended as a substitute for so much of table A, which accompanied his report upon the reduction of the army, as relates to the details of organization; which was read, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Thomas Earnes, and that he have leave to withdraw his petition and documents.

On motion of Mr. Brevard,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a route for the conveyance of the mail, direct from Wilkesborough, in North Carolina, to Georgetown, in South Carolina, to go by the way of Salisbury, Wadesborough, Sneedsborough, Chatham, and Society Hill.

On motion of Mr. Brevard,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of altering the mail route

from Fayetteville, in North Carolina, to Camden, in South Carolina, so as to go by the way of the town of Chatham, in South Carolina, instead of going by the way of Marlborough court-house and Society Hill.

Mr. Tracy submitted the following resolution, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table one day for consideration.

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to lay before this House a statement, showing the number of soldiers recruited for the service of the army of the United States during the year 1820, indicating the fund out of which the expenses of said recruiting have been paid; and, if any unexpended balance of a former appropriation has been used, in what year said appropriation was made.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereof to the general Land Office; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lathrop reported the same with amendments; which were read, and concurred in by the House, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to repeal the act, entitled "An act to lessen the compensation of marshals, clerks, and attorneys, in the cases therein mentioned;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Darlington reported that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

On motion of Mr. Beecher, it was then

Ordered, That the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of the said bill.

Mr. Edwards, of Connecticut, moved that it be re-committed to the Committee on the Judiciary. When,

Mr. Gross, of New York, moved that the further consideration thereof be postponed until the first Monday in February next.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken on the motion to re-commit the said bill to the Committee on the Judiciary,

And passed in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Storrs,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Tuesday next, the 26th instant.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 26, 1820.

Mr. Morton presented a petition of Oliver Cornec, praying for the continuation of the pension heretofore granted him in consideration of services rendered, as a soldier, in the Revolutionary army.

Mr. Gross, of New York, presented a petition of Hezekiah Baldwin, an officer in the Revolutionary army, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

The Speaker presented a petition of Samuel Lee, praying compensation for making known the improved method of manufacturing woollen cloth by twisting the warp and filling different ways; which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

The Speaker also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Ripley, in the state of Indiana, purchasers of the public lands, praying that patents may be granted to them upon the payment of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, and that the interest now due may be remitted.

The Speaker also presented a memorial of the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Missouri, praying that the purchasers of the public lands, within the said state, may be permitted to apply the payments which they have made to such portions of their entries as the said payments will cover, at two dollars per acre, relinquishing the balance to the United States.

Mr. Hendricks presented a similar petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Indiana, also purchasers of public lands.

Mr. Sibley presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Monroe, on the river Raisin, in the territory of Michigan, praying that a Land Office may be established in said county for the sale of the lands of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Hardin presented a petition of John Thomas, a Major General of the militia of the state of Kentucky, praying for a settlement of his accounts while commanding a detachment of militia in the service of the United States, employed in the defence of New Orleans, near the close of the late war with Great Britain, upon the principles of equity and justice; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting the information required by the resolution of this House of the 1st instant, in relation to the accounts of Colonel James Johnson; which was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Cocke, Mr. Tracy, Mr. Mallary, Mr. Overstreet, and Mr. Settle, were appointed the committee.

The Speaker also laid before the House another letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a system of field service and police, and a system of martial law for the government of the army of the United States, prepared in obedience to a resolution of this House of the 22d of December, 1819; which letter and accompanying documents were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Storrs then moved that when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Friday next.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, to wit: "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to alter the times of the sessions of the circuit and district courts in the District of Columbia,'" and "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry Willis,'" with amendments to the latter, in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said amendments were read, and concurred in by the House, Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Monell submitted the following resolution, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table one day for consideration:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to furnish this House with an account of compensation to counsel to assist district attorneys, and judge advocates, in their office, for the last eight years, and to whom such compensation has been made.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

Ordered, That the engrossed bill, entitled "An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office," be recommitted to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to establish a port of entry in the district of Sandusky, in the state of Ohio, and for other purposes," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Cook submitted the following resolution, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table one day for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to communicate to this House a statement of the number of soldiers of the late army to whom warrants have been issued for military bounty land; and, also, the whole number of soldiers, who, from the date of their enlistment, and have not received such warrants, will be entitled to receive such bounty, designating, in both cases, the number of double and single bounties.

On motion of Mr. Edwards, of Pennsylvania,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Chester, in the state of Pennsylvania, by Village Green, Willcox's mill, Concord meeting house, and Dilworthstown, to West Chester, in said state.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Tracy on the 22d instant, and the same being again read, was concurred in by the House.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Scottsville, in Kentucky, to Cairo, in Tennessee.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to announce to the House of Representatives the death of James Burrill, junior, late a member of the Senate from the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations; and I am further instructed to give notice that the funeral will take place to-morrow, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, from the Senate Chamber. And then he withdrew.

It was, thereupon,

On motion of Mrs. Eddy,

Resolved, unanimously, That this House will attend the funeral of the honorable James Burrill, junior, late a member of the Senate from the state of Rhode Island, to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, A. M. and, as a testimony of respect for the memory of the deceased, will go into mourning, and wear crape for thirty days.

On motion of Mr. Reid,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Thursday next.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 28, 1820.

Mr. Silsbee presented a petition of Israel Thorndike, praying that a new certificate of registry may be granted for his ship called *the Columbus*, the former register having been left with the American consul for the port of Havre, in France, upon her assuming the French flag, on a whaling voyage; which was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Mallary presented a petition of Cephas L. Rockwood, contractor for carrying the mail from Chester to Manchester, in Vermont; praying for an alteration in the said route for the convenience of the public at large; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of John Ashton, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Tracy also presented a petition of Ezra St. John, praying compensation for property destroyed by the British forces upon their invasion of the Niagara frontier, in the month of December, 1813, in the late war; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Sloan presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, praying that some relief may be extended to the purchasers of the public lands under the old system, and who have not completed their payments.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of Benjamin Freeland, praying permission to change his entries of certain quarter sections of land purchased of the United States, lying within the state of Indiana, for reasons set forth in his petition.

Mr. Crowell presented a petition of the President and commis-

sioners of the town of Blakeley, in the state of Alabama, praying for a grant of a small piece of public land, lying within the limits of said town, for the benefit of an academy, which has been recently established.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill regulating the payment of debts due from the purchasers of the public lands; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Alexander Smyth, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill to reduce and fix the military peace establishment of the United States; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting an estimate of the appropriations necessary for the service of the year 1821; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Speaker also laid before the House another letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, explanatory of his report of the first instant, upon the state of the finances; which was also referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Sloan,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Washington, in Pennsylvania, by way of Steubenville, New Salem, New Philadelphia, Wooster, and Norwalk, to Lower Sandusky, in Ohio; and to discontinue such routes or parts of routes, now existing, as are embraced in the route proposed by this resolution.

On motion of Mr. Jackson,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the post road from Wood court house to Jacksonville, in Virginia, to Lewis court house, by the way of Murphies' settlement; in said state.

On motion of Mr. Lowndes,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing, that the notes of no banks by which notes below the amount of five dollars are, or may be, issued, shall be taken in payment of duties or debts to the government of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of North Carolina,

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing to the officers of the army a salary or stated sum of money per year, instead of the pay and emoluments as now allowed by law.

Ordered, That the message from the President of the United States, of the 19th instant, communicating a report of the Secretary of State of the progress and expenditure of the commissioners under

the fifth, sixth, and seventh articles of the treaty of Ghent, be referred to a select committee: and,

Mr. Mallary, Mr. Lowndes, Mr. Cannon, Mr. Hendricks, and Mr. Lincoln, were appointed the said committee:

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, in the place of Mr. Wilson, who is absent on leave. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Foot, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to amend the act, entitled "An act to alter the times of the session of the circuit and District courts in the district of Columbia;"

An act for the relief of Elias Parks; and,

An act to amend the act, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry Willis;"

And found the same to be truly enrolled. When,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, December 29, 1820.

Another member, to wit: from the state of Ohio, Samuel Herrick, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Kendall presented a petition of Joel Pratt, an officer of the Revolutionary army, praying for a continuation of the pension heretofore granted him under the act of the 18th March, 1818.

Mr. Eustis presented a petition of Reuben Durant, a pensioner of the United States, praying for arrearages of pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Alexander presented a memorial of the Roanoke Agricultural Society, in opposition to any increase of the tariff of duties by way of protection to the manufacturing interest of the country, which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Campbell presented a petition of the inhabitants of the village *Mine au Burton*, in the state of Missouri, praying for the confirmation of their title to their lots in said village.

Mr. Butler, of Louisiana, presented a petition of Thomas Calvit, praying that his title to a tract of land in that state may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Indiana, praying that some relief may be extended to the purchasers of the public lands under the old system, and who have not completed their payments.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the

whole, on the bill regulating the payment of debts due from the purchasers of the public lands.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Eli Hart, which was read, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, stating that the records of the Treasury do not contain the information required by the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 20th instant, relative to the number and tonnage of American and British vessels which cleared out from the ports of the United States for the ports of the West Indies, Bahama Islands, and Bermuda, in the years 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819, and 1820; which letter was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House two other letters from the Secretary of the Treasury, one transmitting the annual statement of the district tonnage of the United States, on the 31st of December, 1819; the other transmitting the annual statement of goods, wares, and merchandise, exported from the United States to foreign countries during the year ending on the 30th September, 1820; which were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Anderson,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, at the present session of Congress, for the apportionment of representatives among the several states under the fourth enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States.

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Lowndes, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Storrs, were appointed a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill reported on the 3d of April, 1820, concerning invalid pensioners, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that it be recommended to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Tuesday next.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 2, 1821.

On motion of Mr. Buffum,

Ordered, That the petition of Joseph Haskett, heretofore presented on the 14th of December, 1819, be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Adams presented a petition of Abel Partridge, praying for a continuation of the pension heretofore granted him under the act of the 18th of March, 1818; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Swearingen presented a petition of Catharine Wager, widow of John Wager, junior, deceased, on behalf of herself and her infant

children, complaining of violations of the compact concluded between the deceased and the United States, for the sale to the latter of the lands on which the public works are erected at Harper's ferry; and praying for such redress in the premises as, in the wisdom of Congress, may seem just and reasonable; which petition was referred to a select committee; and,

Mr. Swearingen, Mr. Hardin, and Mr. Herrick, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Reid presented a petition of William H. Hunt, postmaster at Athens, in the state of Georgia, praying for an increase of compensation, which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Brush presented a petition of Gabriel Kerr, praying for an extension of credit in the payment for lands purchased of the United States.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Indiana, praying that some relief may be extended to such purchasers of public lands, under the old system, as have not completed their payments.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill regulating the payment of debts due from purchasers of public lands.

Mr. Brush presented a petition of Samuel Monell, praying to be indemnified for losses sustained in a contract with the quartermaster's department to furnish a quantity of plank, for reasons set forth at large in the petition; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

Ordered, That the petition of Jesse Lincoln, heretofore presented on the 8th December, 1817, be also referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of the general assembly of the state of Indiana, praying permission to impose taxes on lands sold by the United States on, and subsequent to, the first day of July, 1820, and on all lands upon which the payments to the United States have been completed.

Mr. Dane presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of York, in the state of Maine, praying for the erection of a light-house on some point near the entrance of said harbor; which petition was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Foot, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the 29th ultimo, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to amend the act, entitled "An act to alter the times of the session of the circuit and district courts in the District of Columbia;"

An act for the relief of Elias Parks; and,

An act to amend the act, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry Willis."

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, reported

a bill for the relief of Clement B. Penrose and John B. C. Lucas; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Secretary of State, made in obedience to the resolution of the 11th ultimo, respecting the commercial regulations of foreign countries; which was read, and referred to the Committee of Commerce.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, enclosing reports, shewing the number of soldiers recruited during the year 1820; the funds from which the expenses of recruiting have been paid, &c., prepared in obedience to a resolution of the 26th ultimo; which letter and reports were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Burwell submitted the following resolution, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That the select committee, to whom the message of the President, transmitting an account of the expenditures of the commissioners under the fifth, sixth, and seventh articles of the treaty of Ghent, for designating the northern boundary of the United States, was referred, be instructed to report a bill fixing the salaries of the commissioners and agents employed in that service.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Gouverneur, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the 29th ultimo, approve and sign,

An act to amend the act, entitled "An act to alter the times of the session of the circuit and district courts in the District of Columbia;"

An act for the relief of Elias Parks; and,

An act to amend the act, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry Willis."

On motion of Mr. Hill,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision by law for the compensation of persons employed in transmitting to Congress the votes for President and Vice President.

On motion of Mr. Jackson,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Kingwood, in Virginia, to Smithfield, in Pennsylvania, by the way of Hagan's store.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, submitted the following resolution, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table one day for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to this House a statement, shewing the number of tons of French vessels which have entered from any of the ports of France, and cleared outward for any such ports during the years 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819, and 1820, and the number of tons of vessels of the United States, which have entered from any of the said ports, and cleared out for the same during those years.

On motion of Mr. Boden,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Clark's ferry, in the state of Pennsylvania, by Powersville, Landisburgh, Ickesburgh, and Brinorsburgh, to Waterford, in the said state.

Mr. Rich submitted the following resolutions, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That the Committee on Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting (except for the export trade) the importation of,

1st. All distilled spirits and malt liquors, from and after the — day of — A. D. —.

2d. All manufactures of wool, or of which wool shall constitute a component part, from and after the — day of — A. D. —.

3d. All cotton and flaxen goods, of which either cotton or flax shall constitute a component part, to wit: sheeting, shirting, counterpanes, table-cloths, stripes, checks, plaids, gingham, chintzes, calicoes, and prints of all descriptions, hosiery and cotton yarns, twist and thread, from and after —.

4th. All kinds of glass wares, and window glass, from and after —.

5th. Iron in bars, rods, sheets, castings, spikes, and nails, and all manufactures of sheet iron, or of which sheet iron shall be a material of chief value, from and after —.

6th. All manufactures of lead, copper, or tin, from and after —.

7th. All descriptions of paper, from and after —.

8th. All manufactures of leather, or of which leather shall constitute a component part, from and after —.

9th. All descriptions of hats, and ready made clothing, from and after —.

Resolved, That the said committee be also instructed to inquire into the expediency of laying an excise duty upon the domestic articles which shall be substituted for those, the importation of which shall be prohibited: the excise to take effect, simultaneously, with the prohibition.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Gouverneur, his Secretary, as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 22d of November last, requesting the President to inform that House what naval force has been stationed for the protection of the commerce of our citizens in the West India islands, and parts adjacent, during the present year; and, whether any depredations, by pirates or others, upon the property of citizens of the United States, engaged in such commerce, have been reported to our government, I now submit, for the information of the House, a report from the Se-

cretary of the Navy, with accompanying documents, which contain all the information, in the possession of the government, required by that resolution.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, January 1, 1821.

Ordered, That the said message and documents lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Storrs,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Expenditures in the Department of State be instructed, specially, to inquire whether any moneys have been disbursed through that Department, or authorized to be disbursed, on account of any salary or compensation to an agent, or acting agent, or any person employed in that capacity on the part of the United States during the year 1820, under the sixth or seventh articles of the late treaty of peace with Great Britain; and, if any moneys have been so paid, to inquire and report to the House by authority of what law, and by virtue and out of what appropriation the same has been paid.

Mr. Warfield submitted the following resolution, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That five thousand copies of the letter from the Comptroller of the Treasury, transmitting a list of balances on the books of the second and third Auditors of the Treasury, which have remained due more than three years prior to the 30th September, 1820; a list of the names of persons who have failed to render their accounts to the said Auditors within the year; and a list of advances made prior to the 3d March, 1809, by the War Department, which remained to be accounted for on the books of the third Auditor of the Treasury on the 30th September, 1820, be printed for the use of the members of this House.

On motion of Mr. Cooke,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of requiring every class of public officers, charged either with the collection or disbursement of the public money, to settle their accounts within specified periods, under the penalty of absolutely forfeiting their respective appointments.

On motion of Mr. Hall, of New York,

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be directed to inquire into the expediency of erecting a light-house at the mouth of the Oswego river, on the shore of lake Ontario.

On motion of Mr. Hobart,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of discontinuing, wholly, or in part, the post route from Thomas B. Harrub's, in Plympton, by Carver, to Wareham, in Massachusetts, and establishing a post route from Plymouth, in said state, to Carver aforesaid.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United

States for the year 1821; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Allen, of Massachusetts, reported the same with amendments, which were read, and concurred in by the House; and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the report of the Secretary of War, of the 27th day of March, 1820, on the petition of Seth Weed; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cushman reported that the committee had made some progress in the said report, and directed him to ask leave to sit again. Whereupon,

On motion of Mr. Stevens,

Ordered, That the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of the said report, and that the petition of the said Weed be again referred to the Secretary of War.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, transmitting a copy of the report of the Land Commissioners at St. Helena, dated 18th November, 1820, with lists of the claims, and of the settlers; which were referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 3, 1821.

Ordered, That Mr. Storrs be appointed of the Committee on the Expenditures in the Department of State, in the room of Mr. Peek, who is absent.

Mr. Meigs presented a memorial of the auctioneers of the city of New York, against the imposition of duties on sales at auction; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Wood presented a petition of Timothy Titus, praying permission to redeem his farm, sold to satisfy the direct tax levied thereon, of which the United States became the purchaser; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Gross, of New York, presented a petition of Israel Johnson, praying compensation for his services as a soldier in the Revolutionary army; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Storrs presented a petition of John Barnard, praying compensation for damages done to his house in Rome, in the state of New York, by a detachment of United States troops, in the month of March, 1814.

Mr. Kinsley presented a petition of James Crawford, Daniel Johnson, Otis Little, David Howe, Thatcher Avery, Ebenezer Hodsdon, and John Lee, praying for the remission of the duties imposed on the importation of certain goods into the port of Castine, while that port was held by the British in the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Butler, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the petitions of Bartholomew Du Vergé, Francis B. Languille, and John Pellet, heretofore presented to this House, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Beecher presented memorials of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, praying that some provision may be made for the relief of such purchasers of public lands, under the old system, as have not completed their payments; which were referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill regulating the payment of debts due from purchasers of public lands.

Mr. Cooke presented a petition of Matthew Dockerry, praying permission to change his entry of a tract of land purchased of the United States, for reasons set forth in the petition; which was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Campbell, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was recommitted the engrossed bill, entitled "An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office," reported the same with an amendment; which was read, and concurred in by the House, and the said bill was ordered to be re-engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Bowie and Kurtz, and others, accompanied with a bill for their relief; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, to wit: "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Gabriel Berzat, deceased;" and "An act for the relief of Thomas L. Ogden and others;" in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Cannon submitted the following resolution, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table one day for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to lay before this House a statement of the number of cadets educated at the military academy, that have remained in the service of the United States five years; also, the number that have received commissions, and have resigned before the expiration of five years; also, the number that have left the military academy without commissions, and the amount of money that has been paid to each one; also, the sums of money that have been paid to cadets who were permitted to stay at home (if any) for the time between their appointment and that of their being mustered at the academy; also, the whole number educated at the academy, who were in the service of the United States during the late war; and the number of those, thus engaged in the service, who were in any battle or battles fought during said time with the enemies of our country; also, the whole expense of maintaining officers and instructors of the academy each year, since the year 1862; the whole expense of ammunition and soldiers that have been placed at the aca-

demy, for their assistance, since its first establishment; also, how far martial law has been carried into effect there, and whether or not the professors and teachers are, or have been, under martial law, and whether or not any of the cadets have been sent from said academy, or dismissed by order of the superintendent, or any other officer, without a trial, or any specific charge being proved against them; also, how many foreigners are professors or teachers in said academy; and the number of cadets, if any, that have been admitted into the same from the families of foreigners.

Mr. McLean, of Kentucky, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for Samuel G. Hopkins, late a captain in the army of the United States, to settle his accounts with the government upon the principles of equity.

The said resolution was read, and the question was taken to agree thereto:

And determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Burwell,

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him yesterday, and the same being read, was modified and agreed to by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the select committee, to whom was referred the message of the President, transmitting an account of the expenditures under the fifth, sixth, and seventh articles of the treaty of Ghent, for designating the northern boundary of the United States, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of fixing by law the salaries of the commissioners and agents employed in that service.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Smith, of Maryland, and laid on the table one day for consideration; and the same being again read, was agreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing to the deputy surveyor of the Vincennes donation tract, other and further compensation than is at present authorized by law.

The House proceeded to consider the bill in addition to the several acts making provision for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war; and, being amended,

Mr. Hardin moved further to amend the same, by adding two new sections thereto. Whereupon, it was

Ordered, That the said bill and amendments lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

1. Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire and to report to this House, whether, in their opinion, the permanent revenue is adequate to meet the expenses of this government.

2. Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instruct-

ed to inquire whether any measures may, in their opinion, be necessary to increase the revenue, and, if so, to report the measures to this House."

3. Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting, or imposing additional duties on, the importation of foreign spirits, and imposing an excise on domestic distilled spirits.

4. Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire whether, in their opinion, any further measures are necessary to be adopted for the due enforcement of the existing revenue laws.

5. Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making any alteration in the existing laws which relate to the verification of invoices, or to manifests of goods imported from foreign ports.

6. Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making any provision by law for the due enforcement of the provisions of the act, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, passed the second day of March, 1790.'"

On motion of Mr. Cooke,

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him on the 26th ultimo, and the same being again read, and the question taken on agreeing thereto,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Robert Moore,

Resolved, That the Committee for the District of Columbia be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law to secure mechanics and others payment for their labor and materials in erecting any house or other buildings within the District of Columbia, by giving them a lien thereon.

Mr. Warfield submitted the following resolution, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table one day for consideration:

Resolved, That the first Comptroller of the Treasury be directed to report to this House whether, in the statement of balances which have been due more than three years, accompanying his letter of the 27th of November last, there have been made the discriminations and suggestions required by the 14th section of the act to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts, passed on the 3d March, 1817.

Bills from the Senate, of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Gabriel Berzat, deceased; and,

An act for the relief of Thomas L. Ogden and others,

Were severally read the first and second time, and referred, the former to the Committee on Private Land Claims, and the latter to the Committee of Claims.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United States for the year 1821," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and came to no resolution thereon.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report of the number and station of all the military posts of the United States, and of the distribution of the army; designating the number and grade of the officers, and the number of men at each post; prepared in obedience to a resolution of this House of the 20th ultimo; which was ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 4, 1821.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of the National Institution for the promotion of industry, praying Congress to impose a duty of ten per centum on sales at auction; to abolish the credits allowed on the duties on foreign merchandise, and to modify the tariff of duties so as to protect the labour and resources of the country.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. A. Smyth presented a petition of Elizabeth Carlan and Martin Cloud, guardians of the heirs of William Carlan, deceased, praying to be allowed a pension, and arrearages of pay due to the said deceased.

Mr. Brown presented a petition of John McHatton, representing, that he was a captain in the Revolutionary army, belonging to the Pennsylvania line, praying Congress to grant him five years' full pay, instead of half pay for life; and a land warrant for the quantity of bounty land to which, as a captain, he conceives himself entitled.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Mercer presented a petition of Andrew Bartle, stating that, in 1814, he was employed by Ferdinand Marsteller, then acting as commissary at Fort Warburton, to furnish materials, and perform certain stone and brick work for the said fort; that, in the settlement of his accounts at the War Department, such allowance has not been made to him as he conceives himself entitled to, and praying that his accounts may be examined, and such sum paid to him as shall appear equitable and just.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Hendricks presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants of the state of Indiana, praying that some provision may be made for the relief of such purchasers of public lands, under the old system, as have not completed their payments.

Mr. Cook presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Illinois, also praying for relief in the payment for their lands as above.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill regulating the payment of debts due from purchasers of public lands.

Mr. Crowell presented a petition of the mayor and aldermen of the city of Mobile, praying for a grant of public land for the use of the said city.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Kinsley presented a petition of sundry citizens of Penobscot county, in the state of Maine, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The Speaker presented the additional petition of Joseph Wheaton, complaining of, and remonstrating against, the views of the accounting officers of the Treasury, communicated to the Committee of Claims, pending the former consideration of his case, and praying a revision thereof; which was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Allen, of Massachusetts,

The House took up the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Joseph Wheaton.

Ordered, That the said report, together with the additional petition this day presented on that subject, be committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Lowndes submitted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be instructed to report to this House a statement of the money in the Treasury on the 1st of January, 1821, together with a statement of the money in the hands of the Treasurer, as agent for the War and Navy Departments, on that day.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be instructed to report to this House the balance of each distinct appropriation for the Navy remaining in the Treasury, or in the hands of the Treasurer, as agent for the Navy Department, on the 1st January, 1821, with an estimate of the amount of each of those balances which will not be required to defray expenses actually incurred before that day.

Which, being read, and the rule requiring them to lie on the table one day being unanimously dispensed with, they were agreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. Lowndes,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the laws which direct the manner in which money shall be drawn from the Treasury for the expenditures of the War or Navy Departments, or ordered for the use of those Departments.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provi-

sion by law for compensating persons employed in transmitting the votes for President and Vice President of the United States, reported a resolution, declaring that it is inexpedient to increase the allowance authorized by the existing laws; which, being read, was concurred in by the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, relative to the annual fees of the clerks, district attorneys, and marshals, of the respective courts of the United States; and to certain naval officers, collectors, and surveyors of the customs, as required by the resolution of this House of the 30th of November last; which letter was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Archer, of Virginia, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether there be, at this time, existing, and in force, in Missouri, any legal tribunals or tribunal, derived from the authority of the United States, invested with competent jurisdiction and powers for the examination and determination of cases of controversy which have arisen, or may arise, therein, under the constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States, or controversies to which the United States are, or may become, a party; and, if there be no such tribunals or tribunal, then to report to this House the provisions and measures, which, in their opinion, may be necessary to be adopted by Congress for causing the authority of the government and laws of the United States to be respected, and for assuring protection to the property and other rights of the United States, *and of their citizens*, within Missouri.

Which, being read,

Mr., Sergeant moved to lay it on the table.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas 91
Nays 58

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Cushman	Mr. Gross, <i>Pen.</i>
Alexander	Cuthbert	Guyon
Anderson	Dane	Hall, <i>N. F.</i>
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Dennison	Hall, <i>Del.</i>
Baker	Dickinson	Hardin
Bateman	Eddy	Hendricks
Beecher	Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Herrick
Boden	Eustis	Hill
Brush	Fay	Hobart
Buffum	Folger	Hostetter
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Foot	Kendall
Campbell	Forrest	Kinsley
Clagett	Fuller	Lathrop
Clark	Gorham	Lincoln

Mr. Lowndes	Mr. Patterson	Mr. A. Smyth, Va.
Maclay	Phelps	Southard
McCullough	Philson	Stevens
McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Plumer	Storrs
Mallery	Randolph	Street
Marchand	Rich	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Meech	Richards	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>
Meigs	Richmond	Tomlinson
Mercer	Robertson	Tracy
Monell	Rogers	Upham
R. Moore	Ross	Van Rensselaer
S. Moore	Russ	Wallace
Morton	Sawyer	Wendover
Moseley	Sergeant	Whitman
Murray	Settle	Wood.....91
Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Silsbee	
Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Sloan	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Culpepper	Mr. Neale
Allen, <i>Tenn.</i>	Earle	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Overstreet
Baldwin	Fisher	Parker, <i>Va.</i>
Barbour	Floyd	Rankin
Bayly	Gray	Reed
Bloomfield	Gross, <i>N. F.</i>	Rhea
Brevard	Hooks	Simkins
Brown	Jackson	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Bryan	Johnson	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Burton	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Swearingen
Burwell	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Terrell
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Kinsey	Trimble
Cannon	Little	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Cobb	McCoy	Walker
Cocke	McCreary	Warfield
Cook	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Crafts	Metcalf	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Crawford	Montgomery	
Crowell	T. L. Moore	58

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Cannon, calling for certain information relative to the military academy, when, Mr. Simkins moved that it lie on the table; which motion being negatived, the said resolution was, on motion of Mr. Little, postponed until Monday next.

The House took up the engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel Seward;" and, the question being taken on the passage thereof,

It passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and request their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, reported that the committee of the whole had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and came to no resolution thereon.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Secretary of State of the clerks employed in his office, and the compensation allowed to each; which was ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 5, 1821.

On motion of Mr. Shaw,

Ordered, That the petition of John Burghart, presented on the 8th December, 1817, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Monell presented a petition of James Carr, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavorable report on so much of the petition of Dr. William W. Hall, as relates to pension; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rhea, from the same committee, also reported a bill for the relief of John Crute; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of John Post, of Richard Fenwick, of Joel Pratt, of John Ashton, and of Samuel Willington, and that the three former be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, and the latter to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the petition of Peter Cadwell and James Britten; which was read, and the resolution therein submitted was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Smith, from the same committee, also reported a bill for the relief of J. Ottramare; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Livermore, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, made an additional report on the petition of Erastus Granger; which, being read,

Mr. Tracy moved that it be committed to a committee of the whole. And the question being taken thereon, It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Tracy then moved to amend the resolution submitted in the said report, by striking out all thereof after the word *resolved*, and to insert, "That the prayer of the petition of Erastus Granger is reasonable, and ought to be granted." It was, thereupon,

On motion of Mr. A. Smyth,

Ordered, That the said report lie on the table.

Mr. Barbour, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill to amend the act, entitled "An act for the gradual increase of the navy of the United States;" which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

On motion of Mr. Southard,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Chester to Flanders, in the county of Morris, in the state of New Jersey.

On motion of Mr. Crawford,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Monticello, by way of Monroe, in the county of Walton, and Laurenceville, in the county of Gwinnett, to Hall court house, state of Georgia.

On motion of Mr. Fisher,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from the town of Salisbury, in North Carolina, by the most direct route, to the town of Fayetteville, in the same state.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, submitted the following resolutions, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table one day for consideration:

1. Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to inform this House what amount of appropriation will be necessary to complete existing contracts for the erection of fortifications.

2. Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to inform this House what sums of money will be requisite to complete existing contracts, made in pursuance of the act for the gradual increase of the navy.

On motion of Mr. Fuller,

Ordered, That the message from the President of the United States, received the 2d instant, communicating information in relation to the protection afforded to the commerce of the United States in the West Indies, &c. be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Whitman reported that the committee

had, according to order, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to no resolution thereon.

Two messages, in writing, were received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Gouverneur, his Secretary, which he delivered in at the Speaker's table.

The first of the said messages was read, and is as follows:

To the House of Representatives:

I communicate to the House of Representatives a report from the Secretary of State, which, with the papers accompanying it, contain all the information in the possession of the Executive, requested by a resolution of the House of the 4th December last, on the subject of the African slave trade.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, January 4, 1821.

Ordered, That the said message and documents be referred to the Committee on the subject of the African Slave Trade.

The other of the said messages was read, and is as follows:

To the House of Representatives:

In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 15th of December last, requesting the President of the United States to cause to be laid before that House a statement of expenditures and receipts in the Indian Department; also, the nature and extent of the contracts entered into, and with whom, from the 2d of March, 1811, to the present period, I now transmit a letter from the Secretary of War, with a report of the Superintendent of Indian trade, which contain the information desired.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, January 4, 1821.

Ordered, That the said message and documents lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting a list of the names of persons to whom patents have been issued for useful inventions during the year 1820; which was ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, January 6, 1821.

Mr. Southard announced the death of John Linn, one of the members of this House, from the state of New Jersey.

Whereupon,

Resolved, unanimously, That a committee be appointed to take order for superintending the funeral of John Linn, deceased, late a representative from the state of New Jersey.

Mr. Southard, Mr. Bateman, Mr. Bloomfield, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Smith of New Jersey, Mr. Culpepper, and Mr. Marchand, were appointed the said committee.

Resolved, unanimously, That the members of this House will testify their respect for the memory of John Linn, late one of their body, by wearing crape on the left arm for one month.

Resolved, unanimously, That the members of this House will attend the funeral of the late John Linn this day at three o'clock.

Resolved, That a message be sent to the Senate to notify them of the death of John Linn, late a member of this House, and that his funeral will take place this day at three o'clock, from the Hall of the House of Representatives.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, January 8, 1821.

A new member, to wit: from the state of Pennsylvania, Daniel Udree, elected to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Joseph Hiester, appeared and took his seat: the oath to support the constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Livermore presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Cape Girardeau, in Missouri.

Mr. Lathrop presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the towns of Westfield, Southwick, and Southampton, in the state of Massachusetts;

Mr. Herrick presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Coshoc-ton county, in the state of Ohio; respectively praying for the establishment of post routes.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Crafts presented a petition of Phinehas Babcock, praying compensation for a quantity of merchandise, and a number of cattle forcibly taken from him by officers in the public service, for the use of the Revolutionary army.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Simon Gratz, Joseph Gratz, and Jacob Gratz, administrators of Michael Gratz, deceased, praying payment of three Loan Office certificates, issued in the Revolutionary war, and which have been lost or mislaid.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Mallary presented a petition of William Storer, Nicholas Goddard, and Eliphalet Gilman Storer, praying for the remission of the amount of a judgment, with costs of suit, recently rendered against them, at the suit of the United States, for duties on articles of plated ware, manufactured by said William Storer, in consequence of the total inability of the petitioners to pay said judgment, arising from sickness, and other causes, beyond their control.

Mr. Floyd presented a petition of Thompson H. Ticklin, praying additional compensation for his services in bringing to the seat of government the votes of the electors in Missouri for President and Vice President of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Strong, of New York, presented a memorial of the inhabitants of the city of Hudson, in the state of New York, praying that the district of Hudson may not be abolished as a port of entry and delivery; which memorial was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Dennison presented a petition of Isaiah Adkins, a recruiting sergeant in the army, in the late war with Great Britain, praying for the balance of bounty, which he alleges to be due him.

Mr. Crowell presented a petition of David Tate, praying compensation for a quantity of corn and fodder, taken from him by officers of the army in the year 1814.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dennison and Mr. Murray respectively presented petitions from sundry inhabitants of the counties of Susquehannah, Bradford, Tioga, Potter, McKean, Clerfield, Centre, Mifflin, Union, Northumberland, Columbia, Luzerne, and Lycoming, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying for certain alterations, therein expressed, in the limits of the eastern and western district courts of the United States in that state; which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Campbell presented a petition of Samuel Black, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Hendricks presented memorials of sundry inhabitants of the state of Indiana, praying that some provision may be made for the relief of such purchasers of the public lands, under the old system, as have not completed their payments; which memorials were referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill regulating the payment of debts due for the purchase of the public lands.

Mr. Cooke presented a similar memorial from sundry inhabitants of the state of Illinois; which was also referred to the same committee of the whole.

Mr. Crowell presented a petition of Dennison Darling, praying that his title to a tract of land, in the state of Alabama, may be confirmed; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of Marinus W. Gilbert, John Chalmers, Elijah Boardman, and of James Byers; which were severally read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Cannon, from the Committee upon the subject of the Militia, reported a bill to provide an uniform system of organization for the militia of the different states and territories; and for instructing the officers of the same at the expense of the United States; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a list of the clerks employed in the Navy Department in the year 1820, with the compensation of each; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Gross, of New York, submitted the following resolution, which was ordered to lie on the table one day for consideration:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to inform this House (if, in his opinion, proper) whether any, and, if any, what, regulations, since the first of January, 1816, have been had with the Six Nations of Indians, or any portion of them; who the commissioners or agents were; the objects of the negotiations; the expenses of the same; the compensation of each commissioner, secretary, and agent, and to whom the moneys were paid.

On motion of Mr. Strong, of New York,

Resolved, That the Committee on the District of Columbia be instructed to inquire into, and report to this House, the number of lotteries which have been instituted in said district, by virtue of an act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington, and to repeal all acts heretofore passed for that purpose, passed the 15th of May, 1820; the purposes for which the moneys are to be raised; the amount of each scheme, and the total nominal value of the tickets offered for sale; the rate of deduction proposed to be made from the prizes, and the gross amount of the proceeds of said lotteries, which will come into the hands of the managers: and, also, whether the condition of the said act of incorporation has been complied with, so far as it respects the authority to raise money by lotteries.

Mr. Trimble submitted the following resolution, which was ordered to lie on the table one day for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be instructed to inform this House *when*, and *why*, the agency of the Treasurer of the United States for the War and Navy Departments was first established, and whether the same may not be discontinued without detriment to the public service.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of North Carolina,

The resolutions submitted by him on the 5th instant were taken up, read, and agreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. Beecher,

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House on the state of the Union, to which was committed, on the 22d of November last, sundry resolutions submitted by Mr. Cobb, for retrenchment in the expenses of government, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that they lie on the table.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Whitman reported that the committee had again had the state of the Union under consideration, and came to no resolution thereon.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed Mr. Morrill on, the

joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, on their part, in the place of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, who has been excused. The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert Purdy;" and they have also passed bills of this House of the following titles, viz: "An act to alter the time of holding the district court in the district of Mississippi;" and "An act for the relief of Perley Keys and Jason Fairbanks," with an amendment to the latter; in which first mentioned bill and amendment they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said amendment was read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert Purdy," was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Foot moved that the daily hour of meeting of the House, until otherwise ordered, be eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 9, 1821.

Mr. Gorham presented a memorial of the merchants and others of Boston, in the state of Massachusetts, against any increase of the tariff of duties on imports by way of protection to the manufacturing interest of the country; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Meigs presented a petition of William Cornell, praying compensation for the use of his land on Long Island, near the town of Brooklyn, occupied as a military post by the troops of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Butler, of Louisiana, presented a petition of Noel Destrehan, curator and legal representative of the estate of Edward M'Carty, praying compensation for the use and occupation of, and damage done to, the estate and personal property of the deceased, by the troops of the United States during the military operations near New Orleans, at the close of the late war with Great Britain; also, a petition of Solomon Provost, praying to be remunerated for property used and destroyed by the troops of the United States near New Orleans, during the invasion by the enemy in the winter of 1814 and 1815.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker presented a petition of Benjamin Hunt, praying for a grant of a small tract of land in the Missouri country, being too poor, as he alleges to purchase; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

The Speaker presented a memorial of the general assembly of the state of Illinois, praying that some relief may be extended to such purchasers of the public lands under the old system as have not completed their payments.

Mr. Hendricks presented a similar memorial from sundry inhabitants of the state of Indiana.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to provide for the payment of debts due to the United States from the purchasers of the public lands.

Mr. Anderson presented a memorial of C. and T. Bullitt, purchasers of public lands, praying that if indulgence is extended to defaulting purchasers of the public lands, that such proportion of the sums paid by the petitioners as may be equal to the sacrifices under which they procured the money to complete their payments, may be refunded to them, or such other relief as Congress may think just and reasonable; which memorial was referred to the committee of the whole last mentioned.

Mr. Sergeant presented a memorial of a committee of the citizens of the city of Philadelphia, in favor of the passage of a law to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy, which was referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for that purpose.

Mr. Whitman presented a petition of William Davis, jr. stating that he exported a quantity of domestic distilled spirits and that by accident he has been prevented from obtaining a debenture certificate to which he would otherwise have been entitled, and praying that the same may now be granted to him; which petition was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of George Rheam, Catharine Lowderman, and of James Carr, which were read, and the resolutions therein submitted were severally concurred in by the House as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of George Rheam and Catharine Lowderman ought not to be granted, and that James Carr have leave to withdraw his petition and accompanying papers.

Mr. Rhea, from the same committee, also made an unfavorable report on the petition of the heirs and representatives of the late general Baron de Kalb, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Elizabeth Carlan, and that it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sergeant, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill providing compensation for marshals, clerks, and attorneys in the courts of the United States, and to repeal parts of former acts, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means reported a bill for the relief of William Smith, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Campbell, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill for the relief of Peggy Mellen, which was read the first

and second time and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Perley Keyes and Jason Fairbanks; and

An act to alter the time of holding the district court in the district of Mississippi, and found the same to be truly enrolled; when,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Storrs, from the Committee on Roads and Canals, who were directed, by a resolution on the 23d of November last, to inquire into the expediency of opening a military and post road from some place on the Penobscot river, in the state of Maine, to the river St. Croix, made a report thereon, adverse to the opening said road; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Storrs, from the same committee to whom was recommitted the bill to provide for the preservation and repair of the Cumberland road, reported the same with amendment, which was read, and, together with the bill, committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Storrs, from the same committee, also made an unfavorable report on the petition of John Good, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War transmitting statements shewing the amount of expenditures at the military academy from the establishment thereof, in the erection of buildings and repairs; also, the aggregate amount of expenses, up to the present time, for pay and emoluments of teachers, officers, and cadets, and the number of cadets educated at said academy, &c. rendered in obedience to a resolution of the 5th ultimo; which letter and accompanying documents were ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House another letter from the Secretary of War, accompanied with a statement shewing the expenditures of the moneys appropriated for the contingent expenses of the military establishment for the year 1820.

Ordered, That the report of the select committee "appointed to inquire if any, and, if any, what, further provision may be necessary to give effect to the provisions of the treaty made at Brownstown, in the territory of Michigan," made on the 12th of May last, be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

On motion, of Mr. Bryan,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Nashville, Tennessee, to Franklin, Simpson County, Kentucky.

Mr. Archer, of Virginia, moved that the House do now proceed to consider the resolution submitted by him on the 4th instant, in relation to the judicial condition of the territory of Missouri.

On the question being taken, Will the House now consider the said resolution?

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 66
Nays 78.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot,

Alexander,
Allen, *Tenn.*
Anderson,
Archer, *Md.*
Archer, *Va.*
Ball,
Barbour,
Brevard,
Brown,
Bryan,
Burton,
Burwell,
Butler, *Lou.*
Cannon,
Cobb,
Cocke,
Cook,
Crawford,
Crowell,
Culpepper,
Cuthbert,

Mr. Davidson,

Earle,
Edwards, *N. C.*
Fisher,
Floyd,
Garnett,
Gray,
Gross, *N. Y.*
Hooks,
Jackson,
Johnson,
Jones, *Va.*
Jones, *Ten.*
Kinsey,
Little,
Lowndes,
McCoy,
McCreary,
McLane, *Del.*
McLean, *Ken.*
Meigs,
Metcalf,

Mr. T. L. Moore,

Neale,
Nelson, *Va.*
Parker, *Va.*
Pinckney,
Rankin,
Reed,
Rhea,
Robertson,
Settle,
Simkins,
Smith, *N. J.*
Smith, *Md.*
A. Smyth, *Va.*
Swearingen,
Terrell,
Trimble,
Tucker, *Va.*
Walker,
Warfield,
Williams, *Va.*
Williams, *N. C.*—66

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams,

Allen, *Mas.*
Allen, *N. Y.*
Baldwin,
Bateman,
Beecher,
Boden,
Brush,
Buffum,
Campbell,
Clagett,
Clark,
Crafts,
Cushman,
Dane,
Darlington,
Dennison,
Dickinson,
Eddy,
Edwards, *Con.*
Edwards, *Pen.*
Fay,

Mr. Folger,

Foot,
Forrest,
Fuller,
Gorham,
Gross, *Pen.*
Hall, *N. Y.*
Hardin,
Hemphill,
Hendricks,
Herrick,
Hibshman,
Hill,
Hostetter,
Kinsley,
Lathrop,
Lincoln,
MacLay,
McCullough,
Mallary,
Marchand,
Monell,

Mr. R. Moore,

S. Moore,
Morton,
Moseley,
Murray,
Nelson, *Mas.*
Parker, *Mas.*
Patterson,
Philson,
Plumer,
Rich,
Richards,
Richmond,
Rogers,
Ross,
Russ,
Sergeant,
Sitsbee,
Sloan,
Southard,
Stevens,
Storrs,

Mr. Street,
Strong, Pt.
Strong, N. F.
Tomlinson,

Mr. Tracy,
Udree,
Upham,
Van Rensselaer,

Mr. Wallace,
Wendover,
Whitman,
Wood.....78

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Trimble, and the same being again read, was agreed to.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Whitman reported that the committee of the whole had again had the state of the Union under consideration and came to no resolution thereon.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 10, 1821.

Mr. Morton presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Massachusetts, praying for the establishment of a post route from Taunton to Boston; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Gorham presented a petition of Solomon Sargeant, praying that the pension granted him under the act of the 18th of March, 1818, may be continued; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Edwards, of Pennsylvania,

Ordered, That the petition of Samuel Walker, presented on the 30th December, 1817; the petition of Joseph S. Dutton, presented on the 21st December, 1818, and the petition of John Martin, Samuel Peterson, and Hannah Peterson, presented on the 21st December, 1818, with the reports made by the Committee of Claims thereon, at the last session of Congress, be recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Barbour,

Ordered, That the petition of Otho W. Callis, heretofore presented on the 13th December, 1819, be also referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of the merchants of the city of Baltimore, praying that the office of weighmaster for that port may not be abolished.

Mr. Smith also presented a remonstrance of the inspectors of the customs for the port of Baltimore, against the imposition of any additional duties upon them, without granting additional compensation for the same.

Ordered, That the said petition and remonstrance be referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Sloan presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, residing on the reserve of twelve miles square, on the river Miami of lake Erie, praying for the establishment on said reserve of an office for the disposal of the public lands in the northwest part of the state of Ohio.

The Speaker presented a memorial of the general assembly of the state of Illinois, praying that the title of said state to the lands selected for the permanent seat of government thereof may be confirmed; and that as part of the land so selected has been found, upon a survey, to be section numbered 16, reserved for the use of schools, that another section of public land may be set apart for that purpose.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Sloan also presented another memorial from the inhabitants of the reserve of twelve miles square, on the Miami river of lake Erie, in the state of Ohio, praying for the aid and assistance of Congress, in opening and making a road from Fort Meigs to Fort Stephenson; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Sullivan and Davies, in the state of Indiana, praying that some relief may be extended to such purchasers of public lands, under the old system, as have not completed their payments.

Mr. Crowell presented a similar petition from sundry inhabitants of the state of Alabama.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to provide for the payment of debts due to the United States from the purchasers of the public lands.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of James McFarland, Hampton Pankey, and William Frizell, accompanied with a bill for the relief of the said James McFarland; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Foot, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Perley Keyes and Jason Fairbanks; and,

An act to alter the time of holding the district court in the district of Mississippi.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Pierre Denis De La Rondé, accompanied with a bill for his relief; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill for the relief of Rosalie P. Deslonde.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the officers and volunteers engaged in the late campaign against the Seminole Indians," made a report thereon, recommending that the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

Ordered, That the said bill and report be committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Williams also made an unfavorable report on the cases of Jean Baptiste Jerome, Gabriel Godfroy, and Jean Baptiste Beangroudy;

Jean Baptiste Conture, George McDougal, and Herbert La Croix; which was read, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Storrs, from the Committee on Roads and Canals, reported a bill for the promotion of internal improvements in the United States; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communications, viz:

A letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting a list of American seamen registered in the several ports of the United States for the three first quarters of the year 1820; which was ordered to lie on the table.

A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a report of the Register of the Land Office for the district of Edwardsville, upon the claims exhibited under the act of the 15th of May, 1820, for the relief of the inhabitants of the village of Peoria, in the state of Illinois; which letter and report were referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

A letter from the Secretary of the Navy, accompanied with the annual statements in relation to the navy pension fund; which was ordered to lie on the table.

A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of the amount of drawback payable on merchandise exported from the United States during the years 1817, 1818, and 1819, compared with the amount of duties which accrued on the same respectively; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a statement of the expenditure and application of the moneys drawn from the Treasury on account of the navy, for the year ending on the 30th September, 1820, and of the unexpended balances of former appropriations remaining in the Treasury on the 1st October, 1820; which letter and statement were ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Claims, made on the 28th of February last, on the petition of Thomas Staniford, be committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Gross, of New York,

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him on the 8th instant; and the same being again read, was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Gross, of New York, and Mr. Rogers, be a committee to present the said resolution to the President.

On motion of Mr. Southard,

Resolved, That the Speaker of this House be requested to inform the Executive of the state of New Jersey of the death of John Linn, late one of the representatives from said state.

On motion of Mr. Cobb,

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for making an experiment of a machine (a model whereof is now in the office of

the Commissioners of the Navy Board) for raising ships of war from the water, and placing them under cover, for repair or protection.

On motion of Mr. Bayly,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the mail route from Easton, in Maryland, to Cambridge, in the same state, as to pass over Dover bridge and New Market.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Columbian college in the District of Columbia," in which they ask the concurrence of this House; and they have also passed the bill of this House, entitled, "An act for the relief of Margaret Perry." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Archer, of Virginia, moved that the House do now proceed to consider the resolution submitted by him on the 4th instant, in relation to the judicial condition of the territory of Missouri.

And, the question being taken, Will the House now consider the said resolution?

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 65
Nays 85

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Alexander
Allen, *Tenn.*
Anderson
Archer, *Md.*
Archer, *Va.*
Ball
Barbour
Bayly
Bloomfield
Brevard
Brown
Bryan
Burton
Burwell
Butler, *Lou.*
Cannon
Cobb
Cocke
Cook
Culpepper
Cuthbert
Davidson

Mr. Earle
Edwards, *N. C.*
Fisher
Floyd
Gray
Gross, *N. F.*
Hall, *N. C.*
Hooks
Jackson
Johnson
Jones, *Va.*
Jones, *Tenn.*
Kinsey
Little
Lowndes
McCoy
McCreary
McLane, *Del.*
McLean, *Ken.*
Mercer
Metcalf
T. L. Moore

Mr. Neale
Nelson, *Va.*
Parker, *Va.*
Pinckney
Reid
Rhea
Robertson
Settle
Shaw
Simkins
Smith, *N. J.*
Smith, *Md.*
A. Smyth, *Va.*
Smith, *N. C.*
Swearingen
Terrell
Trimble
Tucker, *Va.*
Walker
Williams, *Va.*
Williams, *N. C.*

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Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot
Adams
Allen, *Mass.*

Mr. Allen, *N. F.*
Baldwin
Bateman

Mr. Beecher
Boden
Brush

Mr. Buffum	Mr. Hendricks	Mr. Rich
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Herrick	Richards
Campbell	Hill	Richmond
Clagett	Hobart	Rogers
Clark	Hostetter	Ross
Crafts	Kendall	Russ
Cushman	Kinsley	Sawyer
Dane	Lathrop	Sergeant
Darlington	Lincoln	Silsbee
Dennison	Livermore	Sloan
Dickinson	Maclay	Southard
Eddy	McCullough	Stevens
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Mallary	Storrs
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Marchand	Street
Eustis	Monell	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Fay	R. Moore	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>
Folger	S. Moore	Tomlinson
Foot	Morton	Tracy
Fuller	Moseley	Udree
Gorham	Murray	Van Rensselaer
Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Wallace
Guyon	Patterson	Wendover
Hall, <i>N. F.</i>	Philson	Whitman
Hall, <i>Del.</i>	Pitcher	Wood.....85
Hardin	Plumer	
Hemphill	Rankin	

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Whitman reported that the committee of the whole had, according to order, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and came to no resolution thereon.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 11, 1821.

Mr. Lowndes presented three memorials of the Senate and House of Representatives of Missouri; one praying that the purchasers of public lands may be permitted to apply the payments already made to such of their entries as the said payments will cover at two dollars per acre, relinquishing the residue of the land to the United States; another, praying that persons entitled to the right of pre-emption, in the purchase of public lands, may be permitted to make payment for said lands within the times heretofore prescribed by law, or prompt payment, at the option of the person holding such pre-emption right; the other praying that the right of pre-emption, in the purchase of public lands, may be extended to certain settlers therein described; which memorials were referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a

report on the petition of William Pope, accompanied with a bill to regulate the location of land warrants, and the issuing of patents in certain cases; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of William Davis, jun. and that the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Southard, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported a bill to continue in force, for a further time, the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Cocke, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert Purdy," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Cocke, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of John Burghart, reported a bill for the relief of the heirs of Adolphus Burghart, deceased; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Wood, from the Committee on the Public Buildings, made reports on the petitions of Enrico Causici and Charles P. Graze; which were read, and the resolutions therein submitted were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners, respectively, ought not to be granted.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting a list of the clerks employed in his office during the year 1820, with the compensation of each; which letter and accompanying document were ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the petition of James Byers, with the report of the Committee of Claims thereon, be recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate the Columbian college in the District of Columbia," was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Whitman,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of reviving and continuing in force, for a limited time, so much of an act, the provisions of which partially expired on the first day of November, 1819, entitled "An act regulating the currency within the United States, of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain, and the crowns of France, and five franc pieces," as relates to the gold coins of those countries.

Mr. Whitman, Mr. Silsbee, Mr. Street, Mr. Rogers, and Mr. Lowndes, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Tracy submitted the following resolution, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table one day for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to transmit to this House a statement, showing the amount and value of goods (estimated at cost) on hand, by the last return, at the different Indian trading houses, and at the depot in Georgetown, designating the amount at each place.

On motion of Mr. Cobb,

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of limiting, by law, the number of able seamen, ordinary seamen, and boys, to be annually employed in the service of the United States; and, also, into the expediency of reducing the number now in actual service.

Mr. Cobb also submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the pensions now allowed under the acts of Congress, to certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, on continental establishment, during the Revolutionary war.

The said resolution was read, and, the question was taken, Will the House agree thereto?

And determined in the negative.

Mr. Jackson submitted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing contractors for transporting the United States' mail, to frank *way letters* addressed to their mail carriers.

The said resolution was read, and the question was taken, Will the House agree thereto?

And determined in the negative.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Whitman reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and came to no resolution thereon.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 12, 1821.

The Journal of yesterday having been read by the Clerk, the first entry of which being in the words following, viz:

"Mr. Lowndes presented three memorials of the Senate and House of Representatives of Missouri; one praying that the purchasers of public lands may be permitted to apply the payments already made to such of their entries as the said payments will cover at two dollars per acre, relinquishing the residue of the land to the United States; another praying that persons entitled to the right of pre-emption in the purchase of public lands, may be permitted to make payment for said lands within the times heretofore prescribed by law, or prompt payment, at the option of the person holding such pre-emption right; the other, praying that the right of pre-emption in the purchase of public lands may be extended to certain settlers therein described; which memorials were referred to the Committee on the Public Lands."

Mr. Cobb moved to amend the said entry by inserting, before the word *Missouri*, the words "*the state of*," so as to make the entry read—Senate and House of Representatives of *the state of Missouri*.

And, the question being taken so to amend,

There appeared, { Yeas 76
 { Nays 76

The yeas and nays, as required by one-fifth of the members present, are as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbot
Alexander
Allen, *Tenn.*
Archer, *Md.*
Archer, *Va.*
Baldwin
Ball
Barbour
Bayly
Bloomfield
Brevard
Brown
Brush
Bryan
Burton
Burwell
Butler, *Lou.*
Cannon
Cobb
Cocke
Crawford
Crowell
Culpepper
Cuthbert
Edwards, *N. C.*
Eustis

Mr. Fisher
Floyd
Foot
Garnett
Gorham
Hackley
Hall, *N. C.*
Hardin
Hill
Hooks
Jackson
Johnson
Jones, *Va.*
Jones, *Tenn.*
Little
Livermore
Lowndes
McCoy
McCreary
McLane, *Del.*
McLean, *Ken.*
Meigs
Mercer
Metcalf
T. L. Moore
Neale

Mr. Nelson, *Va.*
Newton
Parker, *Va.*
Pinckney
Randolph
Rankin
Rhea
Robertson
Sawyer
Settle
Shaw
Simkins
Sloan
Smith, *N. J.*
Smith, *Md.*
A. Smyth, *Va.*
Smith, *N. C.*
Stevens
Terrell
Trimble
Tucker, *Va.*
Walker
Williams, *Va.*
Williams, *N. C.*
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NAYS.

Mr. Adams
Allen, *Mass.*
Allen, *N. Y.*
Anderson
Beecher
Boden
Buffum
Butler, *N. H.*
Campbell
Clagett
Clark
Cook

Mr. Crafts
Cushman
Dane
Darlington
Dennison
Dickinson
Eddy
Edwards, *Con.*
Fay
Fuller
Gross, *N. Y.*
Gross, *Pem.*

Mr. Guyon
Hall, *N. Y.*
Hall, *Del.*
Hemphill
Hendricks
Herrick
Hibshman
Hobart
Hostetter
Kendall
Kinsley
Lathrop

Mr. Lincoln	Mr. Philson	Mr. Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Maclay	Pitcher	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>
McCallough	Plumer	Tomlinson
Mallary	Rich	Tracy
Marchand	Richards	Udree
Monell	Richmond	Upham
R. Moore	Rogers	Van Rensselaer
S. Moore	Ross	Wallace
Moreton	Russ	Warfield
Moseley	Sergeant	Wendover
Murray	Silsbee	Whitman
Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Southard	Wood76
Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Storrs	
Patterson	Street	

The House being equally divided, Mr. Speaker voted in the negative, and so the said amendment was rejected.

Mr. Parker, of Virginia, then moved to amend the entry aforesaid, by inserting, before the word *Missouri*, the words “*the territory of*,” so that the entry shall read *Senate and House of Representatives of the territory of Missouri*.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 4
Nays 150

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Mallary	Mr. Strong, <i>Vt.</i>	Mr. Upham.....4
Ross		

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Brown	Mr. Calpepper
Adams	Brush	Cushman
Alexander	Bryan	Cuthbert
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Buffum	Dane
Allen, <i>N. F.</i>	Burwell	Darlington
Allen, <i>Tenn.</i>	Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Dennison
Anderson	Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Dickinson
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Campbell	Earle
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Cannon	Eddy
Baker	Clagett	Edwards, <i>Can.</i>
Baldwin	Clark	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>
Ball	Cobb	Eustis
Barbour	Cocke	Fay
Bayly	Cook	Fisher
Beecher	Crafts	Floyd
Bloomfield	Crawford	Folger
Boden	Crowell	Foot
Brevard	Culbreth	Fuller

Mr. Garnett	Mr. McCreary	Mr. Richmond
Gorham	McCullough	Robertson
Gray	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Rogers
Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Russ
Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Marchand	Sawyer
Guyon	Meigs	Sergeant
Hackley	Mercer	Settle
Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Metcalf	Silsbee
Hall, <i>Del.</i>	Monell	Sloan
Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	B. Moore	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Hardin	S. Moore	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Hemphill	T. L. Moore	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Hendricks	Morton	Stevens
Herrick	Moseley	Storrs
Hibshman	Murray	Street
Hill	Neale	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Hobart	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Tarr
Hooks	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Terrell
Hostetter	Newton	Tomlinson
Jackson	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Tracy
Johnson	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Trimble
Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Patterson	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Jones, <i>Tenn.</i>	Philson	Udree
Kendall	Pinckney	Van Rensselaer
Kinsley	Pitcher	Walker
Lathrop	Plumer	Wallace
Little	Randolph	Warfield
Lincoln	Rankin	Wendover
Livermore	Reid	Whitman
Lowndes	Rhea	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
MacLay	Rich	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
McCoy	Richards	Wood 156

Mr. Warfield then moved that the House do reconsider its vote on the motion to amend submitted by Mr. Cobb.

And, on the question, Will the House reconsider the said vote?

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 71
Nays 77

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Alexander	Mr. Bloomfield	Mr. Cocke
Allen, <i>Tenn.</i>	Brevard	Crawford
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Brown	Crowell
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Brush	Culbreth
Baldwin	Bryan	Culpepper
Ball	Burton	Cuthbert
Barbour	Burwell	Earle
Bayly	Cobb	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>

Mr. Eustis	Mr. McCoy	Mr. Rhea
Fisher	McCreary	Robertson
Floyd	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Settle
Foot	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Shaw
Garnett	Meigs	Simkins
Gray	Mercer	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Metcalf	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Hardin	T. L. Moore	Stevens
Hill	Neale	Terrell
Hooks	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Trimble
Jackson	Newton	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Johnson	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Walker
Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Pinckney	Warfield
Jones, <i>Tenn.</i>	Randolph	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Little	Rankin	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Lowndes	Reid	

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Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Mr. Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Guyon	Patterson
Anderson	Hackley	Philson
Baker	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Plumer
Beecher	Hall, <i>Del.</i>	Rich
Boden	Hemphill	Richards
Buffum	Hendricks	Rogers
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Herrick	Ross
Butler, <i>Low.</i>	Hibshman	Russ
Campbell	Hobart	Sergeant
Clagett	Hostetter	Silsbee
Clark	Kendall	Sloan
Cook	Kinsley	Storrs
Crafts	Lathrop	Street
Cushman	Lincoln	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Dane	Maclay	Tarr
Darlington	McCullough	Tomlinson
Dennison	Mallary	Tracy
Dickinson	Marchand	Udree
Eddy	Monell	Upham
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	R. Moore	Van Rensselaer
Fay	S. Moore	Wendover
Folger	Morton	Whitman
Fuller	Moseley	Wood.....77
Gorham	Murray	

Mr. Barbour moved to amend the entry in the Journal aforesaid, by inserting, after the words *public lands*, where they first occur, these words, "in the late territory of Missouri."

Mr. Ross moved to amend the amendment moved by Mr. Barbour, by striking out the word *late*.

And, the question being taken thereon,
It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Storrs then moved to amend the amendment of Mr. Barbour by striking out the words "*late territory of Missouri*," and inserting the words "*United States*."

And, the question being taken thereon,
It was also determined in the negative.

The question was then taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Barbour,

And also determined in the negative, { Yeas 61
Nays 79

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot

Alexander
Anderson
Archer, *Va.*
Baldwin
Ball
Barbour
Bayly
Bloomfield
Brevard
Brown
Brush
Bryan
Burton
Burwell
Butler, *Lou.*
Cobb
Cocke
Crawford
Crowell
Cuthbert

Mr. Earle

Edwards, *N. C.*
Fisher
Floyd
Garnett
Gray
Hall, *N. C.*
Hooks
Jackson
Johnson
Jones, *Va.*
Jones, *Ten.*
Little
Lowndes
McCoy
McLane, *Del.*
McLean, *Ken.*
Meigs
Mercer
Metcalf
T. L. Moore

Mr. Neale

Nelson, *Va.*
Newton
Parker, *Va.*
Pinckney
Randolph
Rankin
Reid
Rhea
Robertson
Settle
Simkins
Smith, *Md.*
Terrell
Trimble
Tucker, *Va.*
Walker
Williams, *Va.*
Williams, *N. C.*

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Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams

Allen, *Mass.*
Allen, *N. F.*
Archer, *Md.*
Baker
Beecher
Boden
Buffum
Butler, *N. H.*
Campbell
Clark
Cook

Mr. Crafts

Culbreth
Culpepper
Cushman
Dane
Darlington
Dennison
Dickinson
Eddy
Edwards, *Con.*
Eustis
Fay

Mr. Folger

Foot
Fuller
Gorham
Gross, *N. F.*
Gross, *Pen.*
Guyon
Hall, *N. F.*
Hardin
Hemphill
Hendricks
Herrick

Mr. Hill

Hobart
Hostetter
Kendall
Kinsley
Lathrop
Lincoln
Maclay
McCreary
McCullough
Mallary
Marchand
Monell
R. Moore
S. Moore

Mr. Morton

Moseley
Murray
Nelson, *Mass.*
Parker, *Mass.*
Patterson
Philson
Plumer
Rich
Richards
Rogers
Ross
Russ
Sergeant
Silsbee

Mr. Sloan

Storrs
Street
Strong, *Vt.*
Strong, *N. F.*
Tomlinson
Tracy
Udree
Upham
Van Rensselaer
Wendover
Whitman
Wood.....79

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United States for the year 1821," with an amendment, in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Gouverneur, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the 11th instant, approve and sign,

"An act for the relief of Perley Keyes and Jason Fairbanks;" and, "An act to alter the time of holding the district court in the district of Mississippi."

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Ballard Smith have leave of absence from the service of this House, from Sunday next, for the remainder of the session.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, January 13, 1821.

Mr. Meigs presented a petition of William Price and Joseph Willson, now confined in prison in the city of New York, on executions issued on judgments obtained against them at the suits of the United States, stating that the Secretary of the Treasury has directed their discharge upon the payment of costs, which costs they allege they are wholly unable to pay; and praying to be discharged from their said imprisonment without the payment of the said costs.

Mr. Dennison presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Susquehannah, Tioga, Potter, McKean, Clearfield, Centre, Mifflin, Northumberland, Columbia, Luzerne, and Lycoming, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying that a district court of the United States may be established for said counties, to be held at Williamsport, in Lycoming county.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of the board of trustees of the Vincennes university, in the state of Indiana, praying permission to lease the lands vested in the said university in such quantities as may be deemed best, for a term not exceeding twenty-one years, and to appropriate the rents and profits for the benefit of their institution; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Cook presented a petition of Thomas White, senior, an officer in the Revolutionary army, praying further compensation for his services in the capacity aforesaid; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Rankin presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Mississippi;

Mr. Cook presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Gallatin and Pope, in the state of Illinois; respectively praying for the establishment of post routes.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of John Holmes, of Alabama," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Francis B. Languille, accompanied with a bill for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House to which is committed the bill for the relief of John Rodriguez.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of James Crawford and others, of Castine, and that it be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Solomon Sargeant, and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Ordered, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Dennison Darling, and that leave be given to withdraw the said petition.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of Matthew Dockery, accompanied with a bill for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Mr. Anderson, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of Benjamin Hunt; which was read, and the resolution therein submitted was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

Mr. Mercer, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate the Columbian college in the District of Columbia," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time on Monday next.

Mr. Butler, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Gabriel Berzat, deceased," reported the same with amendments; which were read, and, together with the bill, committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Mr. Gross, of New York, from the committee appointed on the 10th instant, to present to the President of the United States a resolution of this House of that date, reported, that the committee had performed that duty, and that the President answered that he would attend to the request contained in the resolution.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the decision of cases arising within states in which there is no circuit court, and where the district judge, from any cause, may decline to adjudicate.

On motion of Mr. Cobb,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing by law a post route between Jefferson and Fairfield, in the county of Camden, in the state of Georgia.

On motion of Mr. Cobb,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Monticello, in Jasper county, in the state of Georgia, by Walton, Gwinnett, and Hall court houses, to Rabun court house, in the same state.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the transportation of the mail from Lebanon, in Warren county, through the town of Monroe, to Hamilton, in Butler county, Ohio.

Mr. Reid submitted the following resolutions, viz:

1. Resolved, That it is the duty of the Speaker, under the rules of the House, to examine and correct the Journals of the House.

2. Resolved, That the House possesses the right to inquire into, and decide upon, the propriety of any correction which may be made by the Speaker.

3. Resolved, That the rasures made by the Speaker in the Journal of the 11th January, are *alterations*, and not *corrections*, inasmuch as the Journal, in its original form, corresponds with the fact intended to be described, viz: that a petition from the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Missouri was presented by a member from South Carolina.

The said resolutions were read, and the question was taken, Will the House now proceed to consider the same?

And determined in the negative, { Yeas 47
Nays 96

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Nelson, Va.
Alexander	Earle	Newton
Archer, Va.	Edwards, N. C.	Parker, Va.
Barbour	Fisher	Rankin
Bayly	Floyd	Reid
Brown	Garnett	Rhea
Brush	Gray	Simkins
Bryan	Hall, N. C.	Smith, N. J.
Burton	Johnson	Terrell
Burwell	Little	Trimble
Butler, Lou.	McCoy	Tyler
Cannon	McLean, Ken.	Walker
Cobb	Meigs	Warfield
Crawford	Metcalf	Williams, Va.
Crowell	T. L. Moore	Williams, N. C.
Culbreth	Neale	

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Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Dickinson	Mr. Kinsley
Allen, N. Y.	Eddy	Lincoln
Allen, Tenn.	Edwards, Con.	Livermore
Anderson	Eustis	Lowndes
Archer, Md.	Fay	Maclay
Baldwin	Folger	McCreary
Ball	Foot	McCullough
Beecher	Forrest	McLane, Del.
Boden	Fuller	Mallary
Brevard	Gorham	Marchand
Buffum	Gross, N. Y.	Mercer
Butler, N. H.	Gross, Pen.	Monell
Campbell	Guyon	S. Moore
Clagett	Hackley	Morton
Clark	Hall, N. Y.	Murray
Cocke	Hardin	Nelson, Mass.
Cook	Hendricks	Parker, Mass.
Crafts	Herrick	Patterson
Culpepper	Hibshman	Philson
Cushman	Hill	Plumer
Cuthbert	Hobart	Rich
Dane	Hooks	Richards
Darlington	Hostetter	Richmond
Dennison	Jackson	Robertson

Mr. Rogers	Mr. A. Smyth, Va.	Mr. Tomlinson
Ross	Smith, N. C.	Tracy
Russ	Southard	Tucker, Va.
Sergeant	Stevens	Udree
Shaw	Storrs	Wallace
Silsbee	Street	Wendover
Sloan	Strong, Vl.	Whitman
Smith, Md.	Strong, N. F.	Wood.....96

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, respecting the number of French vessels which have arrived, and are expected to arrive in the present year, in the river St. Mary's, since the first of July last, and whether their cargoes are intended to be illicitly introduced into the United States, &c. made in obedience to a resolution of the House of the 20th ultimo; which report was read, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting sundry statements, to wit: A statement of payments made, according to law, at the Treasury, during the year 1820, for the discharge of miscellaneous claims; a statement of payments made at the Treasury for the discharge of such demands of a civil nature, as are not otherwise provided for; a statement of contracts made relative to oil, light-houses, buoys, &c.; a statement of contracts and purchases made by collectors for the revenue service in the year 1819; and a statement of the expenditure on account of sick and disabled seamen during the year 1819; which letter and statements were read, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United States for the year 1821," was read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Tracy on the 11th instant, and, the same being again read, was agreed to.

Mr. Robertson submitted the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, offices in the civil department of the government may be abolished without prejudice to the public interest; and, also, whether any of the salaries or compensations now allowed by law to the officers and other persons employed in the said civil department, and, if any, what, and to what extent, may be, consistently with justice and sound policy, reduced.

The said resolution was read: when,

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, moved that it lie on the table; which, being rejected,

Mr. Culbreth moved to amend the same by striking out these

words, "*the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed,*" and inserting "*a committee be appointed.*"

Mr. Hardin moved that the said resolution lie on the table; which motion being again rejected,

The question was taken to agree to the amendment moved by Mr. Culbreth,

And passed in the affirmative.

The question was then taken to agree to the resolution as thus amended,

And also passed in the affirmative; and,

Mr. Culbreth, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Foot, Mr. Storrs, Mr. Hemp-hill, Mr. Trimble, and Mr. Allen, of New York, were appointed the said committee.

Ordered, That the petition of John Good, together with the report of the Committee on Roads and Canals thereon, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Street,

Resolved, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of continuing in force the act, entitled "*An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war,*" and the several acts amending and extending the same, which acts will expire on the 15th day of May next.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, January 15, 1821.

The Journal of Saturday having been read by the Clerk—the latter clause of the third resolution submitted by Mr. Reid on that day, is in the words following, viz: "*that a petition from the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Missouri was presented by a member from South Carolina.*"

Mr. Reid moved to amend the clause just recited by expunging the word *petition*, and inserting in lieu thereof the word *memorial*.

And, the question being taken so to amend,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Livermore presented a petition of Moses White, executor and representative of Moses Hazen, deceased, a brigadier general in the army of the Revolution, praying for an equitable settlement of the accounts of the deceased, and that such sum as may be found due may be paid to him, with interest thereon.

Mr. Hardin presented a petition of Benjamin Parker and John Cundiff, stating, that they were engaged in the militia service of the United States in the Revolutionary war, and praying that an act may be passed, placing the militia engaged in actual service in the said war on an equal footing, as to pensions, with the troops of the regular army on continental establishment.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Hobart,

Ordered, That the petition of Perez Bradford, presented on the 8th of February, 1820, be also referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Beecher,

Ordered, That the petition of James Hays, presented on the 9th December, 1818, be also referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition and memorial of sundry merchants and other inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, in the state of Maryland, praying that duties may be imposed on all sales at auction; which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Ball presented a petition of Samuel Downing, Matthew Lamkin, Thomas Brown, Henry Gaskins, legal representatives of Henry L. Gaskins, deceased, and William Gordon, sureties of a certain Le Roy Opie, now deceased, late a district paymaster in the army of the United States, praying for further time to effect a settlement of the accounts of the said district paymaster, and that the accounting officers may be directed to make the said settlement upon the principles of equity; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Jones, of Tennessee, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of White county, in that state, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Mr. Jones, of Tennessee, also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Washington, in Rhea county, state of Tennessee, praying that a mail stage route may be established from Kingston, in that state, to Huntsville, in the state of Alabama.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Cannon presented a memorial of the merchants and traders of the town of Nashville, in the state of Tennessee, praying that duties may be imposed on all sales at auction; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, praying that some relief may be extended to such purchasers of public lands under the old system, as may not have completed their payments; which was referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill providing for the payment of debts due to the United States from the purchasers of public lands.

Mr. Parker, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants residing on the banks of Kennebec river, in the state of Maine, praying that a lighthouse may be erected on Pond Island, in the mouth of said river; which petition was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Phineas Babcock; which was read, and the resolution therein submitted was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Eli Hart, referred on the 1st ultimo; which was committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, also made an unfavorable report on the petition of the inhabitants of Niagara county, in the state of New York, sufferers by the enemy in the late war with Great Britain; which report was committed to the committee of the whole last appointed.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of John Thomas, a Major General of the militia of Kentucky, accompanied by a bill for his relief; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Williams also made a report on the case of Henry Cain, accompanied by a bill for his relief; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill giving further time for the redemption of lands sold for taxes under the act of August 2, 1813, entitled "An act to lay and collect a direct tax within the United States;" which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Smith, from the same committee, reported a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer certain balances of appropriations to the surplus fund; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Baldwin, from the Committee on Manufactures, to whom have been referred, during the present session, sundry petitions and memorials for, and against, the adoption of measures for the protection of the manufacturing interest of the country, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill to regulate the duties on imports and for other purposes; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

Mr. Baldwin, from the same committee, to whom have also been referred, during the present session, sundry petitions and memorials in relation to the imposition of duties on sales at auction, reported a bill laying duties on sales of merchandise at auction; which was read the first and second time, and also committed to the committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

Mr. Foot, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Margaret Perry; and,

An act making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United States for the year 1821;

And found the same to be truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills,

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Campbell, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made a report on the petition of James Brady, accompanied by a bill for his relief; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army.

On motion of Mr. Cannon,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from the town of McMinville to Shelbyville, also, from Shelbyville to Columbia, in the state of Tennessee.

On motion of Mr. Cook,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Golconda, by Franklin court house and Hynes, to Vandalia, in the state of Illinois.

Mr. Russ submitted the following resolution, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table one day for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before this House a statement of the precise amount of special deposits to the credit of the Treasury of the United States, which is referred to in his supplementary report of the 28th ultimo, as not being available the current year; stating particularly of what such deposits consist; if, of depreciated bank paper, the bank or banks which issued the same, with the amount by each, and the present current specie value thereof, and the year or years, respectively, when the same was received.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Gouverneur, his Secretary, which was read, and is as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit to the House of Representatives a report from the Secretary of State, with the enclosed documents, relating to the negotiation for the suppression of the slave trade, which should have accompanied a message on that subject, communicated to the House some time since, but which were accidentally omitted.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, January 12, 1821.

Ordered, That the said message, and the documents accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee upon the subject of the African Slave Trade.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a list of the clerks employed in the various offices of the Treasury Department in the year 1820, with the compensation of each; which letter and list were referred to the committee appointed on the 13th instant to inquire what offices may be abolished, and what salaries may be reduced.

Ordered, That the resolution submitted on the 19th ultimo, by Mr.

Eustis, providing for the conditional admission of the state of Missouri into the Union, be committed to the committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

The resolution from the Senate "declaring the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union," was read the second time, and also committed to the committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

Ordered, That the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate the Columbian college in the District of Columbia," lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Jackson, .

Resolved, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the appointment of commissioners to mark out and lay off a road from the rapids of the Miami of Lake Erie to Lower Sandusky, in pursuance of the treaty of Brownstown, made with certain nations of Indians; also, to extend the said location to Washington, Pennsylvania, by the way of Wellsburg, Virginia.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Whitman reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and came to no resolution thereon.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting an abstract of the expenditures on account of the contingent expenses of the navy during the year ending on the 30th September, 1820; which was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hardin,

Ordered, That the daily hour to which the House shall stand adjourned, until otherwise ordered, be eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 16, 1821.

Another member, to wit: from Kentucky, Henry Clay, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Gorham presented a petition of Henry G. Rice, merchant, of Boston, praying that the collector of the port of Boston may be authorized to issue debenture certificates for the return of duties paid by him on the importation of India goods, which he subsequently re-shipped to Leghorn, in Italy; which debenture is denied him in consequence of failing to take the necessary oath within the time prescribed by law; which petition was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Storrs presented a memorial of sundry merchants, and other inhabitants of the city of New York, praying that, in case duties may be imposed on sales at auction of foreign manufactured goods, a like duty may be imposed on sales at auction of domestic manufactured goods; which memorial was referred to the committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

Mr. Ringgold presented a petition of James F. Houston, Postmaster at Frederick city, in the state of Maryland, praying for an increase of compensation; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Beecher presented a memorial from sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, praying that some relief may be extended to such purchasers of public lands, under the old system, as may not have completed their payments.

Mr. Hendricks presented a similar memorial from the inhabitants of New Albany, in the state of Indiana.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill making provision for the payment of debts due to the United States from the purchasers of public lands.

Mr. Sloan presented a petition of Levi Chadwick, praying for the renewal of a land warrant for one hundred acres, granted to him for his services as a soldier in the Revolutionary army, which warrant was lost by his agent.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of Jacob Woolery, praying permission to change his entry of a tract of land, purchased of the United States, within the state of Indiana, having, through ignorance, entered a tract different and distant from that which he intended to enter, and on which he is actually settled.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Foot, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Margaret Perry; and

An act making a partial appropriation for the military service of the United States for the year 1821.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, enclosing a report of the Commissioners of the Navy, containing information as to the sums of money requisite to complete existing contracts, entered into in pursuance of the act for the gradual increase of the navy, made in obedience to the resolution of this House of the 8th instant; which letter and report were ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Russ,

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him yesterday, and, the same being again read, was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Simkins,

Ordered, That the daily hour to which the House shall stand adjourned, until otherwise ordered, be twelve o'clock.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr.

Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Whitman reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and came to no resolution thereon.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a statement, shewing the balance of each distinct appropriation for the Navy remaining in the Treasury, and in the hands of the Treasurer, as agent for the Navy Department, on the 1st January, 1821, and other information required by the resolution of the 4th instant; which letter and statement were referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

A motion was made by Mr. Stevens that the House do re-consider its vote of this day, changing the hour to which the House shall daily stand adjourned from eleven to twelve o'clock.

And, the question being stated thereon,

The House then adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 17, 1821.

Mr. Ford presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Jefferson county, in the state of New York, praying for the establishment of a post route, which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Sibley presented a petition of sundry ship owners, masters, and others, on Lake Erie, praying that the custom house, for the district of Miami, may be removed from Fort Meigs, in Ohio, to Port Lawrence, in the territory of Michigan; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Street, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens and Austin L. Sands, legal representatives of Richardson Sands, deceased, and others," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of John Meldrum; which was read, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, also made an unfavorable report on the petition of Alvin Bronson; which was read, and committed to the committee of the whole House to which is committed the report of the Committee of Claims in the case of Septa Filmore.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of Bartholomew Duverge, accompanied by a bill for his relief; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill for the relief of Lewis H. Guerlain.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the farther consideration of the petition of Perez Bradford, and the petition of Benjamin Parker, and John

Cundiff, and that the former be referred to the Secretary of War, and the latter to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of Thomas White, and of Simon, Joseph, and Jacob Gratz; which were read, and the resolutions therein submitted were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners, respectively, be not granted.

Mr. Rhea, from the same committee, also made an unfavorable report on the petition of John McHatton; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of Benjamin Freeland, accompanied by a bill for his relief; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill for the relief of Matthew Dockery.

Mr. Anderson, from the same committee, to whom was referred the case of the deputy surveyor of the "Vincennes tract," made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill for the relief of Robert Buntin; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill making provision for the payment of debts due the United States from purchasers of public lands.

Mr. Barbour, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made a report on the petition and memorial of John Stevens; which was read, and the resolution therein submitted was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That John Stevens have leave to withdraw his petition and memorial.

Mr. Barbour laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, addressed to the chairman of the Naval Committee, stating that no change is necessary or expedient in the organization of the marine corps; and communicating a report of the Navy Commissioners upon the subject of rations; the number of officers necessarily wanting for actual service in 1821; upon the propriety of reducing the number of pursers, and dispensing with the service of sundry superintendants, storekeepers, &c. at the several navy yards; the average cost per annum of the various sized vessels of the navy while cruising and in ordinary; which letter and report were ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Ford,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Turin, in the state of New York, to the town of Adams, in the county of Jefferson; leading through Harrisburgh, Copenhagen, Tylersville, Pinckney, and Rodman.

On motion of Mr. Jones, of Tennessee,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of discontinuing the post

road from Clinton, in Tennessee, to Pulaski, in Kentucky, and of establishing a route, in lieu thereof, from Clinton to Burksville, in Kentucky.

On motion of Mr. Beecher,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Granville, in Licking county, by Worthington to Dublin, in the county of Franklin, Ohio; also, from Urbana by Troy, in Miami county, to Granville, Dark county, Ohio.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of North Carolina,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing for the more speedy passage of the mails through the distributing post offices.

On motion of Mr. Bates,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of changing the location of the Land Office for the district of Lawrance, in the territory of Arkansas.

On motion of Mr. Allen, of Massachusetts,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Greenfield, through the towns of Bernardston, Northfield, Warwick, Orange, New Salem, Shutesbury, Leverett, Sunderland, and Montague, to Greenfield aforesaid, in the state of Massachusetts.

On motion of Mr. Sibley,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a district court of the United States in and for the territory of Michigan.

On motion of Mr. Sibley,

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, amendments are necessary to be made to the act, entitled "An act relating to the ransom of American captives of the late war," passed the first day of March, 1817, in order to give effect to the provisions thereof.

On motion of Mr. Tomlinson,

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the act passed April 26th, 1816, by which was allowed an additional compensation of fifty per cent. to the compensations of certain officers of the customs, therein named.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a statement of the whole number of militia in service during the late war with Great Britain, shewing the periods of their service, their pay, and from what states and territories drawn; prepared in obedience to a resolution of this House of the 15th of April, 1820; which letter and statement were referred to the committee on the subject of the militia.

On motion of Mr. Warfield,

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him on the 3d instant, and, the same being again read, was agreed to.

The House resumed the consideration of the question depending

yesterday, at the time of adjournment, on the motion made by Mr. Stevens, to wit: Will the House reconsider its vote of that day, changing the hour to which the House shall daily stand adjourned, from 11 to 12 o'clock?

And, the question being taken,

It was determined in the negative.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Whitman reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and came to no resolution thereon.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a report of the Director of the Mint, giving the result of sundry assays of foreign coins; which letter and report were ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 18, 1821.

Mr. Nelson, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Hannah Richardson, late the widow of Wadleigh Noyes, deceased, a lieutenant in the Revolutionary army, and of Moses Noyes, son of the said Wadleigh, praying that the benefits of the resolution of Congress of the 15th of May, 1778, may be extended to them; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Hackley presented a petition of Henry Heath, of the state of New York, praying compensation for a wagon, harness, and two horses, impressed into the military service of the United States in the year 1814, and never returned to him; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Clark presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Bovenia, in the county of Delaware, and state of New York, praying for the establishment of a post route and a post office, as therein designated.

Ordered, That so much of the said petition as prays for a post route be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, and that so much as prays for a post office, be referred to the Postmaster General.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Peter Stephen Chazotte, of Philadelphia, enclosing a printed pamphlet, entitled "*Facts and Observations on the Culture of Vines, Olives, Capers, Almonds, &c. in the southern States, and of Coffee, Cocoa, and Cinnamon, in East Florida.*"

Ordered, That the said letter and pamphlet be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Edward Barry, a sailing master in the navy of the United States, praying compensation for his household furniture, destroyed in the navy yard, in the city of

Washington, on the 24th of August, 1814; which petition was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Sergeant also presented a petition of the merchants, traders, manufacturers, mechanics, landlords, and other inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia, praying that duties may be imposed on all sales of merchandise at auction; which was referred to the committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

Mr. Sloan presented a petition of the citizens and proprietors of the town of Croghansville, the seat of justice for the county of Sandusky, in the state of Ohio, praying for a grant of sundry small parcels of public land lying within and near said town, for the public purposes thereof; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of Jacob Woolery, which was read, and the resolution therein submitted was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

Mr. Anderson, from the same committee, also made an unfavorable report on the petition of the President and Commissioners of the town of Blakeley, in the state of Alabama; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the consideration of the memorial of the Senate and House of Representatives of Missouri, praying that relief may be extended to certain purchasers of public lands, referred to that committee on the 11th instant; and that the said memorial be referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill regulating the payment of debts due from purchasers of public lands.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill authorizing Benjamin H. Rand to import a certain piece of plate free of duty; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Storrs,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of altering the times of holding the terms of the district court of the United States for the northern district of the state of New York.

On motion of Mr. Russ,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Mansfield to Willington, in the state of Connecticut.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the compensation of the Postmaster at the Hazle Patch.

On motion of Mr. Upham,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post

route from Rochester, in the state of New Hampshire, to Middleton, through Farmington, and over Chesnut Hills, so called, in said state; and of discontinuing the post route from Farmington to Middleton.

Mr. Silsbee submitted the following resolution, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table one day for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be required to lay before this House a statement of the number of inspectors, and of weighers, gaugers, and measurers, employed in each port of the United States, and of the amount of pay received by each of those officers for each of the last five years; and, also, a statement of the names of persons who have been employed as agents for building or supplying light-houses, revenue cutters, or marine hospitals, in the several districts of the United States, with the amount of compensation which has been paid to each of them, for these services, within the last five years.

On motion of Mr. Silsbee,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing imported goods, on which the duty has been paid or secured, to be transported coastwise, from the district into which they were imported, to one or more other districts, without losing the benefit of debenture when exported from the United States, within the time prescribed by law.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Ezra Childs, made on the 24th of January last. Whereupon, it was

Ordered, That the said petition and report be recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

Ordered, That Enrico Causici have leave to withdraw his petition and documents.

On motion of Mr. Butler, of New Hampshire,

Ordered, That, from and after Saturday next, the daily hour to which the House shall stand adjourned, until otherwise ordered, be eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

Ordered, That Abraham Forbes have leave to withdraw his petition and documents.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Whitman reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and directed him to report the bill thereto committed on the 28th of December last, to reduce and fix the military peace establishment of the United States, with amendments; which were read, and the first thereof disagreed to, and the residue concurred in by the House.

And, being further amended,

The third section thereof was read in the words following, to wit: Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That there shall be one briga-

dier general, with one aid-de-camp, one assistant adjutant general, and one assistant inspector general; there shall also be one adjutant general, one quartermaster general, and one judge advocate, each with the rank, pay, and emoluments of a colonel of cavalry, as heretofore prescribed by law; there shall also be a paymaster general, with a salary as heretofore fixed by law, a commissary general of purchases, with a salary of two thousand dollars per annum, and one assistant commissary general of purchases, whose compensation shall not exceed 2½ per centum on the public moneys disbursed by him, nor the sum of fifteen hundred dollars per annum; and two military storekeepers, to be compensated as heretofore; one commissary general of subsistence, with as many assistants as the service may require; one surgeon general, with a salary of two thousand dollars per annum, and one apothecary general with a salary of fifteen hundred dollars per annum.

Mr. Baldwin then moved to amend the said third section, as herein recited, by striking out *two thousand dollars*, and inserting *three thousand dollars*, as the compensation of the commissary general of purchases.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Storrs moved to amend the said third section by striking out the word *assistant*, next preceding the words *inspector general*, where they first occur; which motion being negatived,

Mr. Fuller moved to amend the said third section, by inserting after the words *aid-de-camp*, the words *one adjutant and inspector general*.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Cobb moved to amend the said section by inserting, between the word *one* and the words *adjutant general*, where they first occur together, these words, "*quartermaster general, with the rank, pay, and emoluments of a brigadier general*;" and to strike out the words *one quartermaster general*, where they occur immediately after.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Lathrop moved to amend the said third section by striking out the word *rank*, immediately preceding the words "*pay and emoluments of a colonel of cavalry*," which, being negatived,

Mr. Anderson moved that the said bill be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs, with instructions to report a bill placing the present military establishment of the United States under the command of one major general and two brigadiers general, and containing other provisions necessary for making the staff of the army conform to this arrangement.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 19, 1821.

Mr. Hobart presented a petition of William Bartlett, on behalf of himself and the other owners of the schooner "Angler," stating, that after the said schooner had been employed in the cod fishery the time required by law to entitle her owners to the allowances granted to vessels employed in the fisheries, she was lost, with her cargo, on her return to port; in consequence of which the said owners are unable to obtain the allowances aforesaid, and praying that the same may be now paid to them; which petition was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Wood presented a memorial of sundry merchants, traders, mechanics, landlords, and other inhabitants of Long Island, in the state of New York, praying that duties may be imposed on all sales of merchandise at auction; which memorial was referred to the committee of the whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Ringgold presented a petition of Edward Frethy, formerly Postmaster at Jefferson, in the state of Ohio, praying to be exonerated from the payment of a judgment obtained against him at the suit of the United States, for public moneys received by him in the capacity aforesaid, which judgment, he alleges, he is wholly unable to discharge.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Mercer presented a petition of Thomas Ewell, M. D., praying for the aid and patronage of the general government in the establishment and maintenance of an hospital within the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia; which petition was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill authorising the President of the United States to remove the Land Office in the district of Lawrence county, in the territory of Arkansas; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on Friday next.

Mr. Sergeant, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of John Good, with the report of the Committee on Roads and Canals thereon, made an unfavorable report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Sergeant, from the same committee, also reported a bill to alter the times of holding the district court in the northern district of New York; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on Wednesday next.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made an unfavorable report on the petition of William Storer and others; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Smith, from the same committee, also made an unfavorable report on the petition of Thompson H. Ficklin; which was read, and also ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, reported a bill authorizing the settlement of the accounts of the late Le Roy Opie; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House to which is committed the report made at the last session on the petition of Hoel Lawrence.

Mr. Mercer, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, reported a bill authorizing the establishment of a penitentiary within the District of Columbia; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Committee for the District of Columbia be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Julia Plantou, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Public Buildings.

Mr. Wood, from the Committee on the Public Buildings, made a report on the petition of George Hadfield; which was read, and the resolution therein submitted was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

Mr. Wood, from the same committee, who were instructed by resolution, on the 19th ultimo, "to inquire into the practicability of making such alterations in the present structure of the Hall of the House, as shall better adapt it to the purposes of a deliberative assembly; and, if no such alterations can be effected, to ascertain whether it be practicable to provide a suitable Hall in the centre building of the Capitol," made a report; which was read, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a statement of the amount of merchandise on hand at the different Indian trading houses, and in the hands of the superintendent of Indian trade, at cost; rendered in obedience to a resolution of this House of the 13th instant; which letter and statement were ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a statement of the contracts made by the Commissioners of the Navy during the year 1820; which letter and statement were ordered to lie on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States by Mr. Gouverneur, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the 17th instant, approve and sign An act for the relief of Margaret Perry, and An act making a partial appropriation for the military services for the year 1821.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Gouverneur also delivered in at the Speaker's table the following message, in writing, from the President of the United States:

To the House of Representatives:

In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives, requesting the President to inform the House (if in his opinion proper) whether any, and, if any, what, negotiations, since the first of

January, 1816, have been had with the Six Nations of Indians, or any portion of them; who, the commissioners or agents were; the objects of the negotiation; the expenses of the same; the compensation of each commissioner, secretary, or agent, and to whom the moneys were paid; I now transmit a report from the Secretary of War, communicating the information desired.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, January 18, 1821.

The said message was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, accompanied with two hundred printed copies of the Official Naval Register for the year 1821, for the use of the members of the House; which was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Silsbee,

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him yesterday, and, the same being again read, was modified, and agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be required to lay before this House a statement of the number of inspectors, and of weighers, gaugers, and measurers, employed in each port of the United States, and of the amount of pay received by each of those officers for each of the last five years; designating the persons who, during said period, were paid as inspectors, and who, at the same time, performed the duties, and received the fees of weighers, gaugers, and measurers, and the amount paid to such persons respectively, for services rendered in each of the capacities aforesaid; and, also, a statement of the names of persons who have been employed as agents for building or supplying light-houses, revenue cutters, or marine hospitals, in the several districts of the United States, with the amount of compensation which has been paid to each of them for these services within the last five years.

On motion of Mr. Mallary,

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire whether any officers of the army of the United States are employed as clerks, or in any other capacity, in any of the departments, or in the office of surgeon general, or apothecary general; and whether such officers, if any, have received any other compensation than their pay as officers; if so, what are their names, and what extra compensation have they received?

On motion of Mr. Gorham,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce be directed to inquire into the expediency of placing such a number of buoys on the Nantucket shoals, in the Vineyard sound, on the coast of Massachusetts, as may be necessary to render the navigation the more secure.

Ordered, That the petition of Luke Johnson, heretofore presented on the 27th of December, 1819, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

The House proceeded to consider the bill in addition to the several

acts making provision for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war, and the question recurred on the amendments proposed by Mr. Hardin, and depending on the 3d instant; and, being stated,

Mr. Robertson moved sundry amendments to the amendments proposed by Mr. Hardin, which were read; when the said bill and amendments were again ordered to lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill to reduce and fix the military peace establishment of the United States.

The bill having been further amended at the Clerk's table,

Mr. Ford moved to amend the third section thereof, (recited on the Journal of yesterday) by striking out these words, "*and one apothecary general with a salary of fifteen hundred dollars per annum.*"

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Mercer moved further to amend the said bill by striking out the following section thereof, viz:

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That the topographical engineers, and their assistants, shall be discharged from the service of the United States.

And, the question being taken,

It was also determined in the negative.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, January 20, 1821.

Mr. Tomlinson presented a petition of Ezekiel Canfield, praying for a pension in consideration of services rendered in the Revolutionary war; which petition was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Ford,

Ordered, That the petition of James Brown, heretofore presented on the 10th December, 1819, be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Wendover presented a memorial of John Haight and Nicholas Haight, of the city of New York, carpet dealers, praying that an act may be passed securing to them for a certain time, and in such manner as Congress shall think proper, the full and exclusive right and liberty of making, constructing, and using, for the weaving of carpets and carpeting, and vending, to be used for the weaving of carpets and carpeting, *a cylinder engine loom*, just invented by the said John Haight; which memorial was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Tracy,

Ordered, That the petition of Ebenezer Averill, heretofore presented on the 24th of April, 1820, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker presented a remonstrance of the inhabitants of Ballston Spa, in the county of Saratoga, and state of New York, against

the discontinuance of the mail routes from Waterford to Ballston Spa, and from Stillwater to Ballston Spa.

Mr. Kinsley presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of the state of Maine, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said remonstrance and petition be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Pinekney presented a petition of John Lowden, merchant, of the city of Charleston, in South Carolina, praying to be allowed and paid the drawback of duties on the exportation of a quantity of foreign manufactured goods in the year 1817; which is withheld in consequence of not receiving in due time the certificate of the landing of said goods in the port to which they were exported.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Johnson laid before the House certain resolutions of the General Assembly of the state of Kentucky, instructing their Senators and requesting their Representatives in Congress "to use their exertions to procure the passage of a law, permitting the purchasers of public lands at private sale to apply the instalments already paid to the payment in full for such portion of their purchases as such instalments may be adequate to pay for at the price of two dollars per acre, and to relinquish the balance of their purchases to the United States," and requesting them to present the same to the Senate and House of Representatives; which resolutions were read, and committed to the committee of the whole House to which is committed the bill regulating the payment of debts due from the purchasers of public lands.

Mr. Metcalf presented a petition of Stephen Robertson, Thomas Morris, and John Geoghegan, praying for grants of the land to which they conceive themselves entitled for services as soldiers in the Revolutionary army; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, reported a bill concerning invalid pensioners; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Whitman,

Resolved, That the committee on the subject of reviving, for a limited time, the currency of foreign gold coins in the United States, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of continuing also, for a further limited time, the currency of French crowns and five franc pieces; and, also, into the expediency of increasing the relative value of the gold which may hereafter be coined at the mint of the United States.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Claims, made the 19th of January last, on the petition of Jacob and Henry H. Scheffelin, be committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on

Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made the 19th January last, on the petition of Jesse Torrey, and the resolution therein submitted was again read, and concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement shewing the tonnage of vessels of the United States which entered from, and cleared for, ports in France, together with the tonnage of French vessels which entered the ports of the United States from the same, during the years 1816, 1817, 1818, and 1819, prepared in obedience to the resolution of the House of the 3d instant; which letter and statement were referred to the Committee of Commerce.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill to reduce and fix the military peace establishment of the United States.

Mr. Brown moved to amend the third section thereof, (recited on the Journal of the 18th instant,) by striking out these words, "*one brigadier general, with one aid de camp, one inspector general, one assistant adjutant general;*" and, in lieu thereof, to insert, "*three brigadier generals, one of whom shall reside at Washington, and perform the duties heretofore confided to the adjutant and inspector general, together with the duties of inspector general of the army, with one aid de camp, one assistant adjutant general, and one assistant inspector general to each.*"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Debate arose,

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, January 22, 1821.

Mr. Shaw presented a memorial of the Berkshire Agricultural Society of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, for an increase of the tariff of duties on imported goods, as the means of affording further protection to the manufacturing interest of the country; which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Mallary presented a petition of Levi Bellows, distiller, in the state of Vermont, stating, that, being indebted to the United States in a considerable sum of money for duties on his distillery, and unable to discharge the same, he conveyed property to the United States to secure the said debt, and that, in consequence of the depression in value of property generally, the same has now become insufficient to satisfy the debt due to the United States, and praying that a compromise of the claim may be made, and that his said property may be reconveyed to him upon paying to the United States the estimated value thereof, and that thereupon he may be exonerated from the payment of the balance of the said debt.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Wood presented a petition of Frederick Raymer, praying

compensation for services rendered and losses sustained in the Revolutionary war.

Mr. McLean, of Kentucky, presented a petition of John Mabry and James Brown, praying for a grant of the bounty in land, and for pay due for their services as soldiers in Lee's legion in the Revolutionary war.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of William Gillon, a seaman on board the frigate Philadelphia, at the time of her capture in the late war with Tripoli, one of the Barbary powers, stating that he is unable to obtain a living by labor, in consequence of abuses received while in captivity; and praying to be placed on the Navy pension list of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The Speaker presented three several remonstrances of sundry inhabitants of Saratoga county, in the state of New York, against discontinuing the post road from Waterford to Ballston Spa.

Mr. Allen, of Tennessee, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Jackson county, in that state, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Mr. Bryan presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Robertson county, in the state of Tennessee, also praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said remonstrance and petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Rankin presented a petition of Mary Girault, widow, and others, heirs at law of colonel John Girault, late of the city of Natchez, deceased, praying that their title to a tract of land lying on the river Mississippi, opposite the three islands, below the mouth of the river Yazoo, may be confirmed; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, reported a bill to continue in force an act, entitled "An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war," and for other purposes; which was read the first and second time, amended, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Rhea, from the same committee, also made an unfavorable report on the petition of Esther Rogers; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rich, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Otho W. Callis; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill giving the right of pre-emption in the purchase of lands to certain settlers in the territory of Arkansas; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of changing the post route from Somerset, by Connelsville, Union, and Geneva, to Morgantown, in Virginia, so as to pass by Smithfield and Germantown, in Fayette county, Pennsylvania.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Willard Hall, containing a notification of his having resigned his seat in this House, as one of the Representatives from the state of Delaware.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the secretary of the governor and council of the state of Maryland, accompanied with two copies of the laws of Maryland, lately compiled by chancellor Kilty and Messrs. Harris and Watkins, presented by the general assembly of that state to the Congress of the United States.

The Speaker also laid before the House a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, made in obedience to the resolution of the 4th instant, instructing him to report to the House a statement of the money in the Treasury on the 1st of January, 1821, together with a statement of the money in the hands of the Treasurer as agent for the War and Navy Departments, on that day; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill to reduce and fix the military peace establishment of the United States.

Mr. McCullough moved further to amend the third section of the bill (as recited on the Journal of the 18th instant) by expunging from the fifth and sixth lines thereof the words following, viz: "*each with the rank, pay, and emoluments, of a colonel of cavalry as heretofore prescribed by law;*" and also from the eighth and ninth lines thereof, the words "*with a salary of two thousand dollars per annum;*" and also after the word "purchases" in the tenth line, the following words: "*whose compensation shall not exceed 2½ per centum on the public moneys disbursed by him, nor the sum of fifteen hundred dollars per annum; and;*" also from the thirteenth and fourteenth lines, the words "*to be compensated as heretofore;*" also after the words "surgeon general," in the sixteenth line, the words "*with a salary of two thousand dollars per annum;*" and also after the words "apothecary general," in the seventeenth line, the words "*with a salary of fifteen hundred dollars per annum;*" and to add to the section the following words, viz: "*the said several officers to hold the rank, pay, and emoluments, which now are, or hereafter may be, prescribed by law.*"

Which, being stated, a division of the question was called for; and being put on agreeing to the first member thereof,

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then put on concurring in the residue of the said amendment,

Which was also determined in the negative.

Mr. Brush then moved to amend the said third section by expunging, after the words "quartermaster," in the fourth line, the word "*general.*"

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The said bill was then further amended; and

The question was taken, Shall it be engrossed, and read a third time?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas 109
Nays 47

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot

Adams

Alexander

Allen, *Mass.*

Allen, *N. Y.*

Allen, *Tenn.*

Baker

Ball

Barbour

Bayly

Beecher

Brown

Bryan

Buffum

Burton

Butler, *N. H.*

Campbell

Cannon

Clay

Cobb

Cocke

Crafts

Crawford

Culpepper

Cushman

Dane

Dennison

Earle

Eddy

Edwards, *Con.*

Edwards, *N. C.*

Eustis

Fay

Fisher

Floyd

Foot

Garnett

Mr. Gray

Gross, *N. Y.*

Gross, *Pen.*

Guyon

Hall, *N. Y.*

Hall, *N. C.*

Hardin

Hendricks

Herrick

Hibshman

Hill

Hobart

Hooks

Hostetter

Jackson

Johnson

Jones, *Va.*

Kendall

Kinsey

Kinsley

Lathrop

Lincoln

Livermore

MacLay

McCoy

McCreary

McCullough

Mallory

Marchand

Meigs

Metcalf

Monell

Montgomery

R. Moore

T. L. Moore

Moreton

Moseley

Mr. Murray

Neale

Nelson, *Mass.*

Patterson

Philson

Plumer

Randolph

Rankin

Rhea

Rich

Richards

Richmond

Ross

Russ

Sawyer

Shaw

Silsbee

Sloan

Southard

Stevens

Tarr

Terrell

Tomlinson

Tracy

Trimble

Tucker, *Va.*

Tucker, *S. C.*

Tyler

Upham

Van Rensselaer

Walker

Warfield

Williams, *Va.*

Williams, *N. C.*

Wood.....109

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Robertson
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Gorham	Rogers
Baldwin	Hemphill	Sergeant
Bloomfield	Jones, <i>Tenn.</i>	Simkins
Brevard	Little	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Brush	Lowndes	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Case	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Clark	Mercer	Storrs
Cook	S. Moore	Street
Crowell	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>
Cuthbert	Newton	Udree
Darlington	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Wallace
Davidson	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Wendover
Dickinson	Pinckney	Whitman47
Ford	Ringgold	

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the several orders of the day which precede the bill for the relief of the family of the late Oliver Hazard Perry, Esq. and for the education of his children at the public charge, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 23, 1821.

Mr. Morton presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Bristol, in the state of Massachusetts, praying that the turnpike road from Taunton, in said county, to Boston, may be established as a post route.

Mr. Archer, of Maryland, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Hartford county, in that state, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Forrest presented a petition of Mary F. Hibbs, only child and heir of captain Joshua Fanning, deceased, who was killed while acting in the capacity of a lieutenant on board the *frigate Randolph*, in the Revolutionary war, praying that a pension, or some other compensation or relief, may now be granted her in consideration of the gallantry, services, and death of her father in the public service; which was referred to a select committee; and

Mr. Forrest, Mr. Sloan, and Mr. Cook, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Sergeant presented a memorial of the merchants, traders, manufacturers, mechanics, landlords, and others, of the city of Philadelphia, praying that duties may be imposed on all sales of mer-

chandise at auction; which was referred to the committee of the whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Marchand presented a petition of John McLean, praying for a pension in consideration of services as a soldier in the Revolutionary army; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Little presented a petition of Ann Hodge, widow of George Hodge, deceased, late a boatswain in the navy of the United States, praying compensation for furniture and other property destroyed by the burning of the navy-yard, in the city of Washington, on the 24th August, 1814; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. McCreary presented a petition of Thomas Porter, praying for the bounty in money and land which he says is due to him in virtue of his enlistment as a soldier in the army in the late war with Great Britain; which petition was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, praying that some relief may be extended to such purchasers of public lands, under the old system, as may not have completed their payments; which petition was referred to the committee of the whole House to which is committed the bill regulating the payment of debts due from the purchasers of public lands.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce, reported a bill for the relief of Alexander Elmslie and Samuel Clarkson, merchants of Philadelphia; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Mercer, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, who were instructed, by resolution on the 3d instant, to inquire into the expediency of providing by law to secure mechanics and others payment for their labor and materials in erecting any house or other building within the District of Columbia, by giving them a lien thereon, made a report thereon; which was read, and the resolution therein submitted was concurred in by the House as follows:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to make by law the provision suggested by the aforesaid resolution.

Mr. Cook submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee of Elections be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary to be made in the law entitled "An act relative to the election of President and Vice President of the United States, and declaring the officer who shall act as President in case of vacancies in the offices both of President and Vice President;" and also whether it be expedient to increase the compensation of any of the persons appointed to transmit the votes of the electors of President and Vice President at the late election.

The said resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Storrs submitted the following resolution, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table one day for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to this House a statement of the moneys now in the Treasury,

or collected at any place, which are applicable to the redemption of the stock created by the act providing for the indemnification of certain claimants of public lands in the Mississippi territory, passed March 31, 1814.

On motion of Mr. Crowell,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting to the state of Alabama all the unsold islands in the Tennessee river, the proceeds of which shall be applied to the improvement of the navigation of said river.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, submitted the following joint resolution:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the recruiting service for the army be suspended for and during the present year, and until the end of the next session of Congress.

The said resolution was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to continue in force an act, entitled 'An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war,' and for other purposes;" was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to reduce and fix the military peace establishment of the United States," was read the third time.

And, on the question, Shall it pass?

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas 109
 { Nays 48

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Campbell	Mr. Fisher
Adams	Cannon	Floyd
Alexander	Clagett	Foot
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Clay	Gray
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Cobb	Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>
Allen, <i>Tenn.</i>	Cocke	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Crafts	Guyon
Baker	Crawford	Hackley
Ball	Culpepper	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>
Barbour	Cushman	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>
Bayly	Dane	Hardin
Beecher	Dennison	Hendricks
Brown	Earle	Herrick
Bryan	Eddy	Hibshman
Buffum	Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Hill
Burton	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Hobart
Burwell	Eustis	Hooks
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Fay	Hostetter

Mr. Jackson
Johnson
Jones, *Va.*
Kinsey
Kinsley
Lathrop
Lincoln
Livermore
Maclay
McCoy
McCreary
McCullough
Mallary
Marchand
Meigs
Metcalf
Monell
Montgomery
R. Moore



Mr. T. L. Moore
Morton
Moseley
Murray
Neale
Nelson, *Mass.*
Patterson
Philson
Pitcher
Plumer
Randolph
Rankin
Rhea
Rich
Richards
Richmond
Ross
Russ
Shaw

Mr. Silsbee
Sloan
Southard
Stevens
Tarr
Terrell
Tomlinson
Tracy
Trimble
Tucker, *Va.*
Tucker, *S. C.*
Tyler
Upham
Van Rensselaer
Warfield
Williams, *Va.*
Wood.....109

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Anderson
Archer, *Md.*
Baldwin
Bloomfield
Brevard
Brush
Butler, *Lou.*
Case
Clark
Cook
Crowell
Cuthbert
Darlington
Davidson
Dickinson
Ford

Mr. Fuller
Gorham
Hemphill
Jones, *Ten.*
Little
Lowndes
McLane, *Del.*
McLean, *Ken.*
Mercer
S. Moore
Nelson, *Va.*
Newton
Parker, *Mass.*
Parker, *Va.*
Pinckney
Reid

Mr. Ringgold
Robertson
Rogers
Sergeant
Simkins
Smith, *N. J.*
Smith, *Md.*
A. Smyth, *Va.*
Smith, *N. C.*
Storrs
Street
Strong, *N. Y.*
Udree
Wallace
Wendover
Whitman.....48

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of the family of the late Oliver Hazard Perry, Esq. and for the education of his children at the public charge; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Foot reported the same with amendments, which were read, and concurred in by the House.

Mr. Hardin then moved further to amend the bill by striking out all thereof after the enacting clause, and, in lieu thereof, inserting the following:

That the widow and children of the late Commodore Oliver H. Perry shall be entitled to have and receive his half pay for five years from the time of his death, in the

same manner and under the same regulations as are prescribed in the act, entitled "An act giving pensions to the orphans and widows of persons slain in the public and private armed vessels of the United States," approved the 4th of March, 1814," and that in ascertaining his half pay, the Secretary of the Navy shall be regulated by the nature of his command at the time of his death.

And, the question being taken so to amend,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 62
Nays 82

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Ford	Mr. T. L. Moore
Anderson	Forrest	Murray
Baker	Gray	Newton
Ball	Gross, <i>N. F.</i>	Patterson
Barbour	Guyon	Philson
Beecher	Hall, <i>N. F.</i>	Rankin
Campbell	Hardin	Rich
Cannon	Hendricks	Richards
Case	Herrick	Richmond
Clagett	Hibshman	Rogers
Cobb	Hooks	Ross
Culpepper	Hostetter	Russ
Cushman	Jackson	Sloan
Dennison	Lincoln	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Earle	Macclay	Stevens
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	McCoy	Tarr
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	McCreary	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Fay	Marchand	Tyler
Fisher	Metcalf	Wendover
Floyd	Monell	Wood.....62
Foot	R. Moore	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Mr. Cook	Mr. Hemphill
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Crafts	Hill
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Crawford	Hobart
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Crowell	Johnson
Baldwin	Cuthbert	Jones, <i>Va.</i>
Bayly	Dane	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>
Bloomfield	Darlington	Kinsey
Brevard	Davidson	Lathrop
Brown	Dickinson	Livermore
Brush	Eddy	Lowndes
Bryan	Eustis	McCullough
Buffum	Fuller	McLane, <i>Del.</i>
Burton	Gorham	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Mallery
Clark	Hackley	Meigs
Clay	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Mercer

Mr. Montgomery
S. Moore
Morton
Moseley
Neale
Nelson, *Mass.*
Nelson, *Va.*
Parker, *Mass.*
Parker, *Va.*
Pinckney
Plumer
Randolph

Mr. Reid
Rhea
Ringgold
Robertson
Sawyer
Sergeant
Shaw
Silsbee
Simkins
Smith, *Md.*
Storrs
Terrell

Mr. Tomlinson
Tracy
Trimble
Tucker, *Va.*
Udree
Van Rensselaer
Wallace
Warfield
Whitman
Williams, *Va...*82.

Mr. Randolph moved that the House do reconsider the vote filling the blank with *four hundred dollars* as the annuity of the widow of the said Oliver Hazard Perry.

And, on the question, Will the House reconsider the said vote?
It was determined in the negative.

The bill was further amended, and the question was taken, Shall it be engrossed, and read a third time?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas 76
Nays 62

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Allen, *Mass.*
Archer, *Md.*
Archer, *Va.*
Baldwin
Bayly
Bloomfield
Brevard
Brown
Brush
Bryan
Butler, *N. H.*
Butler, *Lou.*
Clark
Clay
Cocke
Crawford
Crowell
Cushman
Cuthbert
Dane
Darlington
Davidson
Dickinson
Eddy
Eustis
Forrest

Mr. Fuller
Gorham
Gross, *Pen.*
Hemphill
Hill
Hobart
Jones, *Va.*
Jones, *Ten.*
Kinsey
Lathrop
Lowndes
Maclay
McCullough
McLane, *Del.*
McLean, *Ken.*
Mallary
Meigs
Mercer
Montgomery
S. Moore
Moseley
Neale
Nelson, *Mass.*
Nelson, *Va.*
Newton
Parker, *Mass.*

Mr. Pinckney
Randolph
Reid
Ringgold
Robertson
Russ
Sergeant
Shaw
Silsbee
Simkins
Smith, *Md.*
Storrs
Street
Terrell
Tomlinson
Trimble
Tucker, *Va.*
Udree
Upham
Van Rensselaer
Wallace
Warfield
Whitman
Williams, *Va....*76

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Alexander	Mr. Garnett	Mr. Morton
Anderson	Gray	Murray
Baker	Gross, N. F.	Parker, Va.
Ball	Guyon	Patterson
Barbour	Hall, N. F.	Philson
Beecher	Hardin	Plumer
Burton	Hendricks	Rhea
Campbell	Herrick	Rich
Cannon	Hibshman	Richards
Case	Hooks	Richmond
Clagett	Hostetter	Rogers
Crafts	Jackson	Ross
Culpepper	Johnson	Sawyer
Dennison	Lincoln	Sloan
Earle	Livermore	Stevens
Edwards, Con.	McCoy	Tarr
Edwards, N. C.	McCreary	Tucker, S. C.
Fay	Marchand	Tyler
Fisher	Metcalf	Wendover
Floyd	R. Moore	Wood.....62
Foot	T. L. Moore	

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting statements of goods, wares, and merchandise, imported in American and foreign vessels for the year ending the 30th September, 1819; which letter and statements were ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 24, 1821.

Mr. Hobart presented documents in support of the petition of William Bartlett; which were referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Eustis presented a memorial of Abel Wheelock, late a lieutenant in the army of the United States, praying that an act may be passed authorizing an equitable settlement of his accounts with the government, having at the time of his capture by the British forces, in the late war, lost his accounts and vouchers; which memorial was referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Butler, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the petition of Labedoyere de Kermion, heretofore presented on the 26th January, 1818, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Case presented a petition of Eusebius Austin, praying that the pension granted him under the act of the 18th March, 1818, and which

has been discontinued, may be renewed and continued to him; which petition was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Hackley presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the villages of Trenton, Newport, Middleville, Fairfield, and Littlefalls, and the southwest part of Russia, in the state of New York, praying for an alteration of a post route.

Mr. Hackley also presented a counter petition of sundry inhabitants of the towns of Trenton, Russia, Newport, Fairfield, Herkimer, Norway, Salisbury, Openheim, Manheim, and Palatine, in the state of New York.

Mr. Brush presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Pickaway, Fairfield, and Ross counties, in the state of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Murray presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Susquehannah, Bradford, Tioga, Potter, McKean, Clearfield, Centre, Mifflin, Union, Northumberland, Columbia, Luzerne, and Lycoming, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying for an alteration in the limits of the eastern and western districts of the courts of the United States for that state; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Cannon presented a petition of Robert H. Dyer and others, field-officers, commanding the Tennessee volunteer mounted gunmen, in the Seminole campaign, in behalf of themselves, and of their fellow-officers and soldiers, praying compensation for horses and other property lost by the said detachment in the said campaign; which petition was referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the officers and volunteers engaged in the late campaign against the Seminole Indians."

Mr. Dane presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Wells, in the county of York, and state of Maine, praying for a grant of money to enable them to complete a pier at the mouth of the harbor of said town; which petition was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Rich, from the Committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of John W. Thompson and Henry Hoyt; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That Jesse Torrey have leave to withdraw the documents accompanying his petition.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer certain balances of appropriations to the surplus fund, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that it be recommitted to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Samuel Moore, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of James May, of Detroit, accompanied with a bill for the relief of the said James May, and the legal representatives of

William Macomb; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Campbell, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made reports on the petitions of Robert Craddock, and Sarah Robinson; which were read, and the resolutions therein submitted were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners, respectively, be not granted.

Mr. Cooke, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the memorial of the legislature of the state of Illinois, respecting the title to the land upon which their seat of government is located, accompanied with a bill confirming the location of the seat of government of the state of Illinois, and for other purposes; which bill was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Charles Kelly, and that it be committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill giving the right of pre-emption in the purchase of lands to certain settlers in the territory of Arkansas.

Mr. Wood, from the Committee on the Public Buildings, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Julia Plantou; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Van Rensselaer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill supplementary to "An act relating to the ransom of American captives of the late war;" which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Fuller, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill to incorporate the United States Naval Fraternal Association for the relief of the families of deceased officers; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House to which is committed the bill for the relief of sundry citizens of Baltimore.

On motion of Mr. Rh a,

Resolved, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of suspending, for a limited time, so much of an act, entitled "An act making further provision for the support of public credit, and for the redemption of the public debt," passed the 3d of March, 1795; and so much of the act, entitled "An act respecting loan office and final settlement certificates, indents of interest, and the unfunded and registered debt, credited on the books of the Treasury," passed the 12th day of June, 1798, as bars from settlement or allowance, certificates, commonly called loan office and final settlement certificates, and indents of interest.

On motion of Mr. Rogers,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post

road from Easton, Northampton county, Pennsylvania, by Stockers-town, to Roscommon, in said county.

On motion of Mr. Case,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Newberg, in the county of Orange, and state of New York, to Poughkeepsie, in the county of Dutchess, by the way of Middletown, Marlborough, Milton, and New Paltz.

On motion of Mr. Storrs,

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him yesterday, and the same being again read, was agreed to.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to alter the times of holding the district court in the northern district of New York," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the governor of the state of Pennsylvania, enclosing an authentic return of the election of Daniel Udree, as a Representative of that state in this House, to serve in the room of Joseph Hiester, resigned; which was referred to the Committee of Elections.

An engrossed resolution to suspend the recruiting service for a limited time, was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry the said resolution to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

An engrossed bill for the relief of the family of the late Oliver Hazard Perry, Esq. and for the education of his children at the public charge, was read the third time, and, being on its passage,

Mr. Beecher moved that the said bill be committed to the committee on Naval Affairs; which motion being negatived,

The question was taken, Shall the bill pass?

And it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the title be "An act for the relief of the family of the late Oliver Hazard Perry, Esq.;" and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hackley reported that the committee had, according to order, the state of the Union under consideration, and directed him to report the joint resolution submitted by Mr. Eustis on the 19th ultimo, and thereto committed, for the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union, with an amendment, to wit: fill the blank therein with the "first of October next."

The said amendment was read, and concurred in by the House.

The question was then taken, Shall the resolution be engrossed, and read a third time?

And determined in the negative, { Yeas 6
Nays 146

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Baldwin
Eustis

Mr. Hill
Little

Mr. Smith, *Md.*
Stevens6

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot
Adams
Alexander
Allen, *Mass.*
Allen, *N. Y.*
Allen, *Tenn.*
Anderson
Archer, *Md.*
Archer, *Va.*
Baker
Ball
Barbour
Bayly
Beecher
Bloomfield
Boden
Brevard
Brown
Brush
Buffum
Burton
Burwell
Butler, *N. H.*
Butler, *Lou.*
Campbell
Cannon
Case
Clagett
Clark
Clay
Cobb
Cocke
Cook
Crafts
Crawford
Crowell
Culpepper
Cushman
Cuthbert
Dane
Darlington
Davidson

Mr. Dennison
Dickinson
Earle
Eddy
Edwards, *Con.*
Edwards, *N. C.*
Fay
Fisher
Foot
Ford
Forrest
Fuller
Gorham
Gray
Gross, *N. Y.*
Gross, *Pen.*
Guyon
Hackley
Hall, *N. Y.*
Hall, *N. C.*
Hardin
Hemphill
Hendricks
Hobart
Hooks
Hostetter
Jackson
Johnson
Jones, *Va.*
Kinsey
Kinsley
Lathrop
Lincoln
Lowndes
Maclay
McCoy
McCreary
McCullough
McLane, *Del.*
McLean, *Ken.*
Mallary
Marchand

Mr. Meigs
Metcalf
Montgomery
R. Moore
S. Moore
T. L. Moore
Morton
Moseley
Murray
Neale
Nelson, *Mass.*
Nelson, *Va.*
Newton
Parker, *Mass.*
Parker, *Va.*
Patterson
Philson
Pinckney
Pitcher
Plumer
Randolph
Rankin
Reid
Rhea
Rich
Richards
Richmond
Ringgold
Robertson
Rogers
Ross
Russ
Sawyer
Sergeant
Shaw
Silsbee
Simkins
Sloan
Smith, *N. J.*
Smith, *N. C.*
Southard
Storrs

Mr. Street
Strong, N. Y.
Tarr
Terrell
Tomlinson
Tompkins
Tracy

Mr. Trimble
Tucker, Va.
Tucker, S. C.
Tyler
Udree
Upham
Van Rensselaer

Mr. Walker
Warfield
Wendover
Whitman
Williams, Va.
Wood 146

And so the said resolution was rejected.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of Jacob Hunsinger; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hill reported the same with amendments; which were read, and concurred in by the House, and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army; as also on the bill to regulate the location of land warrants and the issuing of patents in certain cases; and on the bill for the relief of James Brady; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, reported the said bills without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bills be engrossed, and severally read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of Joseph McNeil; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Allen, of Massachusetts, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of Alexander Milne; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lathrop reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of Lewis H. Guerlain; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Beecher reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of John Rodriguez; as also, on the bill for the relief of Francis B. Languille; and the bill for the relief of Bartholomew Duverge; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Storrs reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bills be engrossed, and severally read a third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill reported on the 20th instant, concerning invalid pensioners, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to authorize certain insane persons to be placed on the pension list, and the guardians to receive pensions.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 25, 1821.

Mr. Adams presented a petition of Skelton Felton, a lieutenant in the army in the late war with Great Britain, praying for an equitable settlement of his public accounts, having lost his accounts and vouchers during an action with the enemy; as also, for a balance due him for pay and subsistence in the capacity aforesaid; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of Joshua Fairbanks, Benjamin Barton, Sheldon Thompson, Rufus Spalding, and John Beach, sureties of Jonas Harrison, late collector of direct taxes and internal duties for the 25th collection district of the state of New York, praying that the suit which has been instituted against them may be stayed, and that time and authority may be granted them to complete the collections and effect a settlement of the concerns of the said Harrison, who, as the petitioners state, has absconded from the state.

Mr. Strong, of New York, presented a petition of the board of agriculture of that state, established in virtue of an act of the legislature thereof, entitled "An act to improve the agriculture of this state," praying that the duties paid by the said society on an invoice of books on agricultural subjects, and various kinds of seeds, imported by them, may be refunded; and, also that an act may be passed which shall exempt from duties in future all books and treatises on agriculture or the mechanic arts, all seeds and all implements, or models of any implements or machinery used for agricultural purposes, or in carrying on the mechanic arts, which shall hereafter be imported into the United States by any agricultural or mechanic society.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Dennison presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Susquehannah, Bradford, Tioga, Potter, McKean, Clearfield, Centre, Mifflin, Union, Northumberland, Columbia, Luzerne, and Lycoming, a copy of that presented yesterday by Mr. Murray from sundry other inhabitants of the same counties; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Metcalf presented an address from William Cook, upon the subject of his claim to a pension for services as a soldier in the Revolutionary war; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Butler, of Louisiana, presented a petition of Solomon C.

Phillips, praying that his title to a tract of land in the state of Mississippi may be confirmed; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Hendricks presented a memorial of the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Indiana, praying that some relief may be extended to such purchasers of the public lands, under the old system, as have not completed their payments; which was referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill regulating the payment of debts due from the purchasers of the public lands.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the memorial of the general assembly of Missouri, respecting pre-emption rights, referred to them on the 11th instant; which was read, and the resolution therein submitted was concurred in by the House as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the memorialists ought not to be granted.

Mr. Floyd, from the committee appointed on the 19th ultimo to inquire into the situation of the settlements on the Pacific Ocean, and into the expediency of occupying the Columbia river, made a detailed report, accompanied with a bill to authorize the occupation of the Columbia river, and to regulate the intercourse with the Indian tribes within the United States and territories thereof; which bill, by leave of the House, was reported, read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Thomas Porter, and that it be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was recommitted the bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer certain balances of appropriations to the surplus fund, reported the same with an amendment; which was read, and, together with the bill, ordered to lie on the table.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

“An act for the relief of Jacob Hunsinger;”

“An act for extending the time of issuing and locating military land warrants to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army;”

“An act for the relief of Joseph McNeil;”

“An act for the relief of Alexander Milne;”

“An act for the relief of Lewis H. Guerlain;”

“An act for the relief of John Rodriguez;”

“An act to regulate the location of land warrants, and the issuing of patents in certain cases;”

“An act for the relief of Francis B. Languille;”

“An act for the relief of James Brady;” and

“An act for the relief of Bartholomew Duvergé;”

were severally read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The engrossed "resolution, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, as it respects the election of Representatives in Congress, and the choice of electors of President and Vice President of the United States," was read the third time;

And the question was taken, Shall it pass?

When there appeared { Yeas 92
Nays 54

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Floyd	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Foot	Pitcher
Baker	Ford	Plumer
Ball	Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Rankin
Bayly	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Rich
Beecher	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Richards
Bloomfield	Hendricks	Richmond
Brown	Herrick	Ringgold
Brush	Hobart	Robertson
Burton	Hooks	Russ
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Jackson	Sawyer
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Johnson	Silsbee
Campbell	Kinsey	Simkins
Cannon	Kinsley	Sloan
Clagett	Little	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Clay	Lincoln	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Cobb	Livermore	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Cocke	Lowndes	Stevens
Cook	Maclay	Street
Crafts	McCullough	Tomlinson
Crowell	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Tracy
Culpepper	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Cushman	Mercer	Upham
Cuthbert	Metcalf	Walker
Dane	Monell	Warfield
Davidson	R. Moore	Wendover
Eddy	T. L. Moore	Whitman
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Morton	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Moseley	Wood.....92
Fay	Neale	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Case	Mr. Forrest
Alexander	Clark	Garnett
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Crawford	Gray
Allen, <i>Tenn.</i>	Darlington	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>
Baldwin	Dennison	Guyon
Barbour	Dickinson	Hardin
Brevard	Earle	Hibelman
Burwell	Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Hill

Mr. Hostetter	Mr. Newton	Mr. A. Smyth, Va.
Jones, Va.	Parker, Va.	Southard
Lathrop	Patterson	Storrs
McCoy	Philson	Strong, N. Y.
McCreary	Randolph	Tarr
Marchand	Reid	Terrell
Meigs	Rhea	Tucker, S. C.
S. Moore	Rogers	Tyler
Murray	Ross	Udree
Nelson, Va.	Sergeant	Wallace.....54

And so the said resolution was rejected.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 26, 1821

Mr. Gorham presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Massachusetts, praying that measures may be adopted by the government of the United States, in concert with the governments of other civilized and Christian nations, to abolish the practice of privateering, or capturing and condemning private property in time of war; which petition was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Moseley,

Ordered, That the petition of Andrew Law, heretofore presented on the 1st February, 1816, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Monell presented a petition of Constant Chapman, praying for a pension in consideration of services as a soldier in the Revolutionary war; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Cocke presented a petition of Adam Pitner, senior, praying compensation for a horse lost in the public service in the late war with Great Britain; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Rankin presented a petition of William Collins, praying that his title to a tract of land in the state of Mississippi may be confirmed; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and papers of Tarlton Woodson.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1821; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the consideration of the petition of William Bartlett, and that it be referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Rich, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Samuel T. Anderson, accompanied by a bill for his relief;

which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Mercer, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, who were instructed, on the 8th instant, to make certain inquiries respecting the lotteries authorized by the act of the 15th of May, 1820, entitled "An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington, and to repeal all acts heretofore passed for that purpose," made a report; which was read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill to establish an additional Land Office in the territory of Michigan; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Brush, from the same committee, reported a bill granting certain islands in the Tennessee river to the state of Alabama; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Sergeant, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to amend the act, entitled "An act for regulating process in the courts of the United States;" which was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, made in obedience to the resolution of this House of the 9th instant, requiring him to state "*when and why* the agency of the Treasurer of the United States for the War and Navy Departments was first established, and whether the same may not be discontinued without detriment to the public service;" which report was read, and referred to the Committee on Expenditures in the Treasury Department.

On motion of Mr. Hibshman,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route between the following points, to wit: from the post office established at Lititz, in Warwick township, Lancaster county, from thence to Elizabeth Furnace, from thence to Shaefferstown, in Heidelberg township, Lebanon county, and from thence to the post office established in the borough of Lebanon, in the county aforesaid.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to remove the Land Office in the district of Lawrence county, in the territory of Arkansas," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, to wit: "An act for the relief of John Coffee;" "An act explanatory of the act for the relief of James Leander Cathcart," passed May 15th, in the year 1820; and "An act for the relief of Nicholas Per-

kins;" in which bills they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Morgan Brown;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gross, of New York, reported that the committee had made some progress in the said bill, and desired him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Charles Townsend and Jonas Williams; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hill reported the resolution submitted in the said report, with an amendment, to wit: strike out the word *not* before the word *allowed*, so as to make the resolution read, "Resolved, That the claim of Charles Townsend and Jonas Williams, of Buffalo, in the state of New York, ought to be allowed."

And, on the question to concur with the committee of the whole in the said amendment,

It was determined in the negative.

The resolution submitted in the said report was then concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the claim of Charles Townsend and Jonas Williams, of Buffalo, in the state of New York, ought *not* to be allowed.

The House proceeded to consider the bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer certain balances of appropriations to the surplus fund; and the amendment reported thereto yesterday by the Committee of Ways and Means was read, and agreed to.

Mr. Meigs moved further to amend the said bill by striking out these words: "*Of the moneys appropriated for the payment of the interest, and redemption of the principal of the public debt, one million five hundred and ninety thousand seven hundred and forty-five dollars and seventy cents;*" so as to exempt this sum from being carried to the surplus fund.

And, the question being taken so to amend,

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to establish the district of Pearl river; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. McLane, of Delaware, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to regulate the entry of merchandise imported into the United States from any adjacent territory; and, after some time spent there-

in, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Mallary reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of John Webster; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Wood reported the same without amendment.

Mr. McCoy moved that the said bill be committed to the Committee of Ways and Means; which, being rejected, it was

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of sundry citizens of Baltimore; and on the bill to incorporate the United States Naval Fraternal Association for the relief of the families of deceased officers; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Campbell reported the first mentioned bill with an amendment, and asked leave for the committee to sit again on the last mentioned bill.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said last mentioned bill.

The amendment of the committee of the whole to the bill for the relief of sundry citizens of Baltimore was read and concurred in by the House, and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

“An act for the relief of John Coffee;”

“An act explanatory of the act for the relief of James Leander Cathcart,” passed May 15th, in the year 1820; and

“An act for the relief of Jacob Perkins;”

were severally read the first time.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled “An act for the relief of Nathan Ford,” in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, of Virginia,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, January 29th, 1821.

Mr. Morton presented a petition of Oliver Winslow, praying for a pension in consideration of his services as a soldier in the Revolutionary army.

Mr. Patterson presented a petition of Paul Degarmo, and of sundry inhabitants of Washington county, in the state of Pennsylvania, on his behalf, also praying for a pension in consideration of services as a soldier in the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Hobart,

Ordered, That the petition of Henry Warren, heretofore presented on the 27th of December, 1819, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Lathrop presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Granby, in the county of Hampshire, and state of Massachusetts;

Mr. Case presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the towns of New Paltz, Marlborough, and Newburg, in the counties of Ulster and Orange, and state of New York;

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Chautauque, in the state of New York;

Mr. Tracy also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Genesee, in the state of New York; respectively praying for the establishment of post routes.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Gorham presented a petition of James Homer, by Phineas Blair, his attorney, praying that an error in the judgment rendered against him by the district court for the district of Massachusetts, in the case of a certain schooner called *The Ann*, and her cargo, may be corrected, and that the sum of one hundred and fifty-eight dollars and forty cents, paid on account of said judgment, but not credited thereon, may be allowed him in the settlement of the same; which petition was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Wendover presented a memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of New York, remonstrating against a proclamation of the supreme director of the republic of Chili, dated the 20th of August last, declaring in a state of rigorous blockade all the ports and anchorages of South America, from Iquiqui to Guayaquil inclusive, embracing a range of coast more extensive than the whole Atlantic frontier of the United States, and praying that the naval forces of the United States in the Pacific Ocean may be so augmented, as to afford efficient protection to the commerce of the United States in that sea; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Fay presented a petition of Lois St. John, widow of John St. John, a captain in the militia of the state of New York, who died of sickness contracted whilst in the actual service of the United States in the late war with Great Britain, praying for the pension provided by law for the widows of officers dying in service; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Strong, of New York, presented a petition of Francis Le Baron, praying compensation for a distillery and horse mill, situated on the island of Michillimackinack, and which were taken down and converted into quarters for the United States troops, by order of colonel Chambers, of the United States' army.

Mr. McCreary presented a petition of Alexander Roddy, praying compensation for his services as an assistant deputy marshal, in the

state of South Carolina, in taking the third census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States.

Mr. Brush presented a document in support of the petition of Samuel Monett.

Ordered, That the said petitions and documents be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of North Carolina,

Ordered, That so much of the petition of Littlebury Matthews, presented on the 8th of December, 1818, as relates to his claim for land, be referred to the Secretary of War, and that the residue be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Swearingen presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants of the county of Hampshire, in the state of Virginia, in favor of an increase of the tariff of duties on imports, by way of protection to the manufacturing interest of the country; which was referred to the committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of William Cook, John McLean, and William Gillan, and that the two former be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, and the latter to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Stephen Robertson, Thomas Morris, and John Geoghegan; which was read, and the resolution therein submitted was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be not granted.

Mr. Rhea, from the same committee, also made an unfavorable report on the petition of John Mabray and James Brown; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rhea also reported a bill to authorize the payment of certain certificates; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill for the relief of John Crute.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Labedoyere de Kermion; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Levi Chadwick, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Mr. Barbour, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill authorizing a machine to be built for hauling up ships; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

Mr. Barbour, from the same committee, who were instructed, on the 11th instant, to inquire into the expediency of limiting by law the number of seamen, ordinary seamen, and boys, to be annually employed in the service of the United States, and also into the expediency of reducing the number now actually in service, made a re-

port thereon; which was read, and committed to the committee of the whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Whitman, from the committee appointed on the 11th instant, by leave of the House, reported a bill to continue in force an act, entitled "An act regulating the currency within the United States of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain," passed on the 29th day of April, 1816, so far as the same relates to the crowns and five franc pieces of France; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole tomorrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, in reply to a resolution of the House of the 11th instant, respecting the inspectors, weighers, gaugers, and measurers, employed in the custom houses of the United States within the last five years, and accompanied with a statement of the names of the persons employed as agents for building and supplying light houses, revenue cutters, and marine hospitals, for the last five years, with the moneys paid to each; which letter and statement were referred to the Committee of Commerce.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting statements of contracts made at the various branches of the War Department, on behalf of the United States, during the year 1820; which letter was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Floyd submitted the following resolution, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table one day for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Department of War be required to inform this House how many factors, or trading houses, are now established in the United States, and territories thereof; the date of the establishment of each; the points at which they are located; the number of persons attached to each; the number of troops, if any, and other military protection allowed to each: likewise a detailed statement of the business done at each house for ten years last past, showing the amount of goods sent to each station annually; the expense of transportation there; the amount sold, and the receipts at each house, distinguishing between cash and peltries, and the expense of transporting them to Washington city; the price at which peltries have been sold at Georgetown, in the District of Columbia; the expense of keeping up each trading house, distinguishing between the salary of the factors and their assistants; the contingencies and the military protection, with a list of the Indians civilized and converted to the Christian faith by the operation of the factory system, from its establishment in 1796, up to this day; together with a statement of the entire amount of money drawn from the Treasury on account of the factory system, from its commencement until this time.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of North Carolina,

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire whether there be any tracts or parcels of land belonging to the United States, and now or heretofore used as sites for forts,

garrisons, or camps, and which are no longer necessary for such purposes, and may be sold without injury to the public service.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of discontinuing the present route from Washington, in Kentucky, to Cincinnati, in Ohio, which crosses the Ohio river three times, and establishing, in lieu thereof, a route which shall cross the river but once, and that at Augusta, and another route from Washington, directly to Burlington, in Boone county, passing Germantown, Grant's Lick, Versalia, and Gains'.

On motion of Mr. R. Moore,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Beavertown, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, by the way of Jefferiestown and Noblestown, to Cannonsburg, in the county of Washington, Pennsylvania.

On motion of Mr. Allen, of Tennessee,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Murfreesborough to Statesville, in Tennessee.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Nathan Ford," was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

1. "An act for the relief of Nicholas Perkins;"
 2. "An act explanatory of an act for the relief of James Leander Cathcart," passed May the 15th, in the year 1820; and
 3. "An act for the relief of John Coffee;"
- were severally read the second time, and referred, the first to the Committee on Private Land Claims, the second to the Committee of Claims, and the third to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

- "An act to establish the district of Pearl river;"
- "An act for the relief of John Webster;" and
- "An act to regulate the entry of merchandise imported into the United States from any adjacent territory;"
- were severally read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

An engrossed bill, authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer certain balances of appropriations to the surplus fund, was read the third time; and, being on its passage,

On motion of Mr. Lowndes,

Ordered, That the said bill be recommitted to the Committee of Ways and Means.

An engrossed bill for the relief of sundry citizens of Baltimore was read the third time; and, being on its passage,

On motion of Mr. Williams, of North Carolina,

Ordered, That the said bill be recommitted to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and came to no resolution thereon.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 30, 1821.

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of George Winthrop Fox, praying compensation for a horse, saddle, and bridle, the property of the petitioner, lost by a certain Daniel Fox, in the military service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Neale presented a petition of Mary Sewall, widow of Nicholas Sewall, late of the state of Maryland, praying compensation for houses and other property burned and destroyed by the British forces in the late war, in consequence of said houses having frequently been occupied by the troops of the United States.

Mr. Crawford presented a petition of Isaac Ralls, praying compensation for three horses lost in the service of the United States, in the late war with the Seminole Indians.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Neale presented a memorial of the President and Cashier of the Bank of the Metropolis, on behalf of the board of directors and stockholders of said bank, praying for a renewal of their charter upon such conditions, and for such term, after the first day of June, 1822, as to Congress shall seem fit; which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Neale also presented a petition of William R. Maddox, praying compensation for a quantity of bricks delivered at, and for the use of, the capitol, in the city of Washington, the payment for which is denied him for reasons set forth in his petition; which was referred to the Committee on the Public Buildings.

Mr. Clay presented a petition of Jan. ^{rs} Morrison, a deputy quartermaster general of the army in the late war with Great Britain, praying to be allowed a credit for the sum of ten thousand dollars, advanced in his absence by an assistant deputy quartermaster general, out of public funds, committed to his, the petitioner's, charge, which advance was for the purpose of being applied to the public service; and also, that he may be reimbursed the sum of 289 $\frac{2}{100}$ dollars, paid by him as interest on moneys borrowed on his private credit for the public use; which petition was referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instructions to report thereon to the House.

Mr. Clay also presented another petition of James Morrison, stating, that, in 1810, he contracted to furnish provisions to certain

portions of the United States, and in August, 1812, he transmitted by mail the necessary abstracts and vouchers, which he alleges to have been lost or mislaid at the War Department, by reason of which he is unable to obtain the credits to which he is entitled, and praying relief from Congress; which petition was referred to the Secretary of War, with instructions to report thereon to the House.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and papers of Reuben Wright, heretofore presented.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill to authorize the collectors of the customs to pay debentures issued on the exportation of loaf sugar, and spirits distilled from molasses; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1821.

Mr. Mercer, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, made a report on the petition of Dr. Thomas Ewell; which was read, and the resolution therein submitted was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That it is not expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition.

Mr. Mercer, from the same committee, to which was recommitted the bill reported on the 6th of May last, to repeal, in part, "An act to authorize the president and managers of the Washington turnpike road company of the state of Maryland to extend and make their turnpike road to, or from Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, through the said District to the line thereof;" made a report thereon, recommending that the said bill be rejected, which report was read.

Whereupon,

The question was taken, Shall the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time?

And determined in the negative.

And so the said bill was rejected.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred, on the 4th instant, the petition of the mayor and aldermen of the city of Mobile, reported a bill granting certain lots to the said mayor and aldermen; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill to authorize the President of the United States to designate a place for a port of entry in the district of Miami, Michigan territory; which was read the first and second time.

Mr. Sloan moved to refer the said bill to a committee of the whole House to-morrow; which, being rejected,

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

Mr. Wood, from the Committee on the Public Buildings, made a detailed report upon the subject of the appropriations and expenditures upon the said buildings during the last year, accompanied with a bill making further appropriations for the same; which bill was

read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House to which is committed the bill making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1821.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill of this House, entitled "An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office;" they have also passed bills of the following titles, to wit: "An act for the relief of the representatives of Patience Gordon, widow, deceased;" an act supplementary to an act passed the 11th of May, 1820, entitled "An act to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States, and for other purposes;" in which two last mentioned bills they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Floyd,

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him yesterday, calling on the Secretary of War for certain information in relation to the trade with the Indians; and, the said resolution being read,

The question was taken, Will the House agree thereto?
And determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Sloan,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting to the Connecticut reserve, in the state of Ohio, so much of the lands belonging to the United States in said state, for the use of schools, as may, with the grants heretofore made, be equal to that allowed to other parts of said state.

On motion of Mr. Allen, of New York,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing the following post roads, viz: from Canandaigua, in the county of Ontario, New York, by Manchester, Palmyra, South Williamson and Williamson, to Pultneyville; also from Caledonia, in the county of Genesee, New York, by Riga to East Riga, and from thence to Rochester.

Mr. Herrick submitted for consideration the following resolution, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table one day:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be reported to this House, whether any, and, if any, what, progress has been made by the commissioners appointed under the act of last session, for the purpose of surveying, marking, and locating a road from Wheeling, in Virginia, to the left bank of the Mississippi river, through the states of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route directly from Falmouth, in Pendleton county, to Burlington, in Boone county, in Kentucky.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

“An act for the relief of the representatives of Patience Gordon, widow, deceased;” and

“An act supplementary to an act passed on the 11th of May, 1820, entitled, ‘An act to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States, and for other purposes;’” were severally read the first time.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and came to no resolution thereon.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill for the relief of Rosalie P. Deslonde, also on the bill for the relief of William T. Nimmo, and on the bill for the relief of Pierre Denis de la Rondé; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hill reported the said bills without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bills be engrossed, and severally read a third time to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Comptroller of the Treasury, in obedience to the resolution instructing him to report whether, in the statement of balances which have been due more than three years, which accompanied his letter of the 27th of November last, there have been made the discriminations and suggestions required by the fourteenth section of the act to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts; which report was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of the funds applicable to the payment of the stock created by the act providing for the indemnification of certain claimants of public lands in the Mississippi territory, passed the 31st March, 1814; which letter and statement were referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 31, 1821.

Mr. Pitcher presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Putnam, in Washington county, and state of New York, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Mr. McLane, of Delaware, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the village of Milton, in that state, also praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Hannah Rich-

ardson, and her son, Moses Noyes, representatives of Wadleigh Noyes, deceased; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Maclay, from the same committee, reported a bill for the relief of the legal representatives of John Guthry, deceased; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Solomon Prevost, accompanied with a bill for his relief; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of Noel Destrehan, legal representative of Edward McCarty, deceased, accompanied with a bill for the relief of the heirs of the said McCarty; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole last appointed.

Mr. Williams also reported a bill explanatory of an act, entitled "An act authorizing the settlement of the accounts between the United States and Richard O'Brien, late American consul at Algiers;" which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill from the Senate for the relief of Robert Purdy.

Mr. McCoy, from the same committee, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Abel Wheelock; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Campbell, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made a report on the petition of Jesse Powel, accompanied with a bill for his relief; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Gouverneur, his Secretary, as follows:

To the House of Representatives:

I transmit to Congress a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, submitting copies of the instructions given to the commissioners appointed under the act of the 15th of May, 1820, authorizing the location of a road from Wheeling, in the state of Virginia, to a point on the left bank of the Mississippi river, between St. Louis and the mouth of the Illinois river, and copies of the report made by the said commissioners to the Treasury Department, of the progress they have made in the execution of the duties prescribed by the said act, together with maps of the country through which the location is to be made.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, January 31, 1821.

The said message was read, and referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals. Whereupon,

Mr. Herrick withdrew the resolution submitted by him yesterday.

On motion of Mr. Rankin,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post

route from Greene court house, in the state of Mississippi, through New Augusta and Monroe, to Covington court house, in said state.

On motion of Mr. McCreary,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Charlotte, in North Carolina, by Chester court house and Newberry court house, to Edgefield court house, in South Carolina.

On motion of Mr. Fisher,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing by law the executors of John B. Mebane, late a deputy collector of internal duties and direct taxes in North Carolina, to collect whatever arrearages may yet be due him from individuals, and for which he has accounted with the principal collector.

The House proceeded to consider the bill confirming the location of the seat of government of the state of Illinois, and for other purposes. Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time tomorrow.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the documents accompanying the petition of George Hadfield.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for the relief of sundry citizens of Baltimore, be discharged, and the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Eli Hart.

The House proceeded to consider the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate the Columbian College in the District of Columbia." Whereupon,

Mr. Storrs moved to recommit the said bill to the Committee for the District of Columbia, with instructions—

1. To reduce the number of trustees for the said institution to twenty-one.
2. That the Secretaries of the Treasury, War, Navy, and State Departments, the Attorney General of the United States, and the judges of the circuit court of the District of Columbia, for the time being, shall, respectively, be ex-officio trustees of the said institution.
3. That vacancies in the said board of trustees shall be filled by the same body.
4. That a visitorial power over the said institution shall be vested in a joint committee to be appointed by the Senate and House of Representatives.
5. To fill up the board of trustees to the number of twenty-one.

And, the question being taken, Shall the said bill be recommitted as aforesaid?

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Campbell then moved that the said bill be recommitted to the Committee for the District of Columbia, with instructions to amend the same by adding to the second section the following proviso:

And provided also, that nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to authorize said college to purchase or hold any real estate out of the District of Columbia, without the consent of the legislature of the state within which such real estate shall be situated.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was also determined in the negative.

The said bill was then read the third time,
And the question being taken on the passage thereof,

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas 79
Nays 60

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot

Allen, *N. Y.*

Anderson

Archer, *Md.*

Baker

Bateman

Bayly

Beecher

Brevard

Brown

Brush

Burton

Butler, *Lou.*

Clay

Cobb

Cook

Crawford

Culpepper

Cushman

Cuthbert

Dane

Darlington

Davidson

Eddy

Edwards, *Con.*

Eustis

Floyd

Mr. Foot

Garnett

Gross, *N. Y.*

Guyon

Hackley

Hendricks

Hill

Hobart

Jackson

Johnson

Jones, *Va.*

Jones, *Ten.*

Kent

Kinsey

Kinsley

Lincoln

Lowndes

Maclay

McCreary

McCullough

McLane, *Del.*

Meigs

Mercer

Monell

Morton

Moseley

Neale

Mr. Nelson, *Mass.*

Nelson, *Va.*

Newton

Pitcher

Plumer

Reid

Robertson

Russ

Sawyer

Sergeant

Silsbee

Simkins

Smith, *N. J.*

Southard

Street

Strong, *Vt.*

Terrell

Tomlinson

Tompkins

Tucker, *Va.*

Upham

Walker

Warfield

Wendover

Williams, *Va.*....79

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Alexander

Allen, *Mass.*

Allen, *Ten.*

Baldwin

Ball

Barbour

Boden

Bryan

Buffum

Butler, *N. H.*

Campbell

Cannon

Clagett

Clark

Cocke

Mr. Crafts

Dennison

Edwards, *N. C.*

Fay

Ford

Forrest

Gray

Hall, *N. Y.*

Hall, *N. C.*

Hardin

Herrick

Hibshman

Hooks

Hostetter

Lathrop

Mr. Little

McCoy

McLean, *Ken.*

Marchand

Metcalf

R. Moore

S. Moore

Murray

Parker, *Mass.*

Parker, *Va.*

Patterson

Philson

Randolph

Rankin

Rhea

Mr. Richards	Mr. Smith, N. C.	Mr. Tucker, S. C.
Rogers	Stevens	Tyler
Ross	Storrs	Udree
Shaw	Tarr	Williams, N. C.
Sloan	Tracy	Wood.....60

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

“An act for the relief of the representatives of Patience Gordon, widow, deceased;” and

“An act supplementary to an act passed on the 11th May, 1820, entitled ‘An act to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States, and for other purposes;’” were severally read the second time, and referred, the first to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, and the second to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting a statement of all contracts which have been made in his Department during the preceding year; also, a statement of contracts made in the year 1818, which was then casually omitted to be reported; which letter and statements were ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill, entitled “An act for the relief of William T. Nimmo,” was read the third time;

And the question was stated, Shall it pass? Whereupon,
The House adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 1, 1821.

Mr. Livermore presented a petition of Newcomb Blodget, of the town of Stratford, in the state of New-Hampshire, praying that, in consideration of his services during the Revolutionary war, he may be placed on the pension list of the United States, which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Richards presented a petition of Hezekiah Abbey, of Westminster, in the state of Vermont, praying for a pension in consideration of his services as a soldier in the Revolutionary war; which petition was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Forrest presented a petition of Catharine Robertson, late widow of Jacob Ritter, deceased, praying compensation for the services of the deceased as blacksmith in the Revolutionary army, as, also, payment for the rations earned by him during the time aforesaid.

Mr. Forrest also presented a petition of John Barnard, praying for a grant of the bounty in land to which he is entitled for his services as a soldier in the Revolutionary army.

Mr. Cook presented a petition of Conrad Will, praying compensation for improvements made by him at a salt sick or saline, lately belonging to the United States, within the state of Illinois, while occupying said saline under a lease from the United States; compensation for which improvements was stipulated in said lease.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of John George Pfrimmer, praying to be exonerated from the payment of a judgment obtained against him as the surety of a certain William Branham, late postmaster at Corydon, in the state of Indiana, which judgment he alleges he is wholly unable to discharge.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Livermore, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported a bill to alter and establish certain post roads; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Sergeant, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill authorizing the Secretary of State, to issue a patent to Thomas Oxley, which was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office," and found the same to be truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Monell, from the Committee on the Public Lands, who were instructed, on the 19th December last, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, regulations can be adopted, consistent with the interest of the government, whereby the soldiers of the late war who have not received their bounty lands can be better provided for than under existing laws; made a report, accompanied with a bill further to regulate the issuing of patents of military bounty lands; which was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill regulating the payment of debts due from the purchasers of the public lands.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a list of all the lands and buildings which have been purchased by the United States, for military purposes, from the 1st day of July, 1800, to the present time, the cost of each site, and the buildings, as far as practicable, together with remarks on the estimated present value of the same, &c. prepared in obedience to a resolution of the 14th ultimo; which letter and list were ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from Ethan A. Brown, Governor of the state of Ohio, transmitting a report of the Joint Committee of both houses of the General Assembly, on the subject of the proceedings of the Bank of the United States against certain officers of the government of that state, in the Circuit Court of the United States, which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Postmas-

ter General, transmitting a list of unproductive post roads; which letter and list were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill for the relief of the legal representatives of John Guthrey, deceased, be discharged, and that the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill for the relief of John Crute.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill entitled "An act concerning Thomas Shields, and others," in which bill they ask the concurrence of this House; and then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Baldwin laid before the House sundry documents in relation to the trade of the United States with the empire of China; the state of sundry manufacturing establishments within the United States, and other papers, illustrative of the principles contained in the report of the Committee on Manufactures, which was accompanied by the bill to regulate the duties on imports, and for other purposes; which documents were ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Rankin,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of changing an appropriation made by an act of Congress of the 27th of March, 1818, for the purpose of "repairing and keeping in repair, that part of the road leading from Columbia, in the state of Tennessee, by the Choctaw Agency, to Madisonville, in the state of Louisiana, which lies between the southern boundary line of Tennessee, and the Indian boundary line in the state of Mississippi," so as to apply so much thereof, as, under the direction of the Secretary of War, may be found necessary to open a road from a point on the United States military road, at or near Columbus, in the state of Mississippi, through the Choctaw nation of Indians, to Turner Brashears' stand on the old road leading from Natchez to Nashville.

Mr. Storrs submitted the following order, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table until to-morrow.

Ordered, That, during the remainder of the present session of Congress, business referred to committees of the whole house shall be called for consideration in the following order:

1. Private bills which have passed the Senate, and have been reported favorably by a Committee of the House.
2. Private bills reported by Committees of the House.
3. Bills and resolutions of a public nature.
4. Bills which have passed the Senate, and have been reported against by a Committee of the House
5. Reports unfavorable to petitioners.

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, to wit: Shall the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William T. Nimmo," pass?

And the question thereon being taken,
It was determined in the negative.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

“An act for the relief of Rosalie P. Deslonde;”

“An act for the relief of Pierre Denis de la Ronde,” and

“An act confirming the location of the seat of government of the state of Illinois, and for other purposes;”

- Were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith of Maryland reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and came to no resolution thereon.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 2, 1821.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Newcomb Blodget, and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Ordered, That the said committee be also discharged from the consideration of the petitions of Joseph Hackett, Jonathan Brown, and Daniel Palmer, and that they lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Adam Pitner, senior; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of Ezra Childs; which was read, and the resolution therein submitted was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition and documents.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill to repeal an act passed the 26th of April, 1816, increasing the compensations of inspectors, measurers, weighers, and gaugers; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Forrest, from the Committee on Agriculture, made a report on the memorial of the United Agricultural Society of Virginia; which was committed to the committee of the whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Whitman, from the committee appointed on the 11th ultimo, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the relative value of gold hereafter to be coined at the mint, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill to alter the relative value of the gold compared with the silver coins of the United States; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to continue in force an act, en-

titled "An act regulating the currency within the United States of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain," passed on the 29th day of April, 1816, so far as the same relates to the crowns and five franc pieces of France.

Mr. Warfield submitted for consideration the following resolution, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table one day.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to furnish this House with a statement of the annual expense of the marine corps at the city of Washington; the manner in which the said corps are employed; the annual amount paid to each officer, distinguishing their pay from their perquisites and emoluments; also, the duties required to be performed by each officer attached to said corps.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, of Virginia,

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing imprisonment for debt in all cases of process issuing from the courts of the United States, and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Nelson of Virginia, Mr. Storrs, Mr. Hemphill, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Edwards of Connecticut, were appointed the said committee.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and directed him to report the joint resolution from the Senate to them committed, "declaring the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union," with an amendment.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee of the whole, and the said amendment being read as follows:

Strike out the following proviso, contained in the resolution from the Senate, viz:

Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to give the assent of Congress to any provision in the constitution of Missouri, (if any such there be,) which contravenes that clause of the constitution of the United States, which declares that the citizens of each state shall be entitled to all the privileges and immunities of citizens in the several states.

And, in lieu thereof, insert the following:

Provided, That nothing in the constitution of the said state of Missouri shall be construed to authorize or make it obligatory on the legislature to pass any law denying to the citizens of each state, any of the privileges and immunities of citizens of the several states: *And provided further*, That no law of the said state shall be construed to deny to the citizens of each state any of the privileges and immunities of citizens of the several states.

The question was taken to concur with the committee of the whole in the said amendment,

And determined in the negative, { Yeas 79
Nays 88

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Mr. Parker, <i>Va.</i>
Alexander	Fisher	Pinckney
Allen, <i>Tenn.</i>	Floyd	Rankin
Anderson	Garnett	Read
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Gray	Rhea
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Ringgold
Baldwin	Hardin	Robertson
Ball	Hill	Sawyer
Barbour	Hooks	Shaw
Bayly	Jackson	Simkins
Bloomfield	Johnson	Sloan
Brevard	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Brown	Jones, <i>Tenn.</i>	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Bryan	Kent	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Burton	Little	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Lowndes	Swearingen
Cannon	McCoy	Terrell
Clay	McCreary	Trimble
Cobb	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Cocke	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Crawford	Meigs	Tyler
Crowell	Mercer	Walker
Culpepper	Metcalf	Warfield
Cuthbert	Montgomery	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Davidson	Neale	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Earle	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	
Eddy	Newton	

79.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Dennison	Mr. Herrick
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Dickinson	Hibshman
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Hobart
Baker	Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Hostetter
Bateman	Eustis	Kendall
Beecher	Fay	Kinsey
Boden	Folger	Kinsley
Brush	Foot	Lathrop
Buffum	Ford	Lincoln
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Forrest	Livermore
Campbell	Fuller	MacLay
Case	Gorham	McCullough
Clagett	Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Mallary
Clark	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Marchand
Cook	Guyon	Monell
Crafts	Hackley	R. Moore
Cushman	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	S. Moore
Dane	Hemphill	Moreton
Darlington	Hendricks	Moseley

Mr. Murray	Mr. Rogers	Mr. Tomlinson
Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Ross	Tompkins
Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Russ	Tracy
Patterson	Sergeant	Udree
Philson	Silsbee	Upham
Pitcher	Stevens	Van Rensselaer
Plumer	Storrs	Wallace
Randolph	Street	Whitman
Rich	Strong, <i>Nl.</i>	Wood88
Richards	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>	
Richmond	Tarr	

The resolution from the Senate being then again read in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the state of Missouri shall be, and is hereby declared, one of the United States of America, and is admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, in all respects whatever: Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to give the assent of Congress to any provision in the constitution of Missouri, (if any such there be) which contravenes that clause of the constitution of the United States, which declares that the citizens of each state shall be entitled to all the privileges and immunities of citizens in the several states:

Mr. Storrs moved to amend the same as follows, viz: Strike out from the word *declared* the balance of the resolution, and insert, in lieu thereof, the following: "To be admitted into the Union, as one of the United States, on an equal footing with the original states, *on the first day of the next session of Congress*: Provided, That it shall be taken as a fundamental condition upon which the said state shall be incorporated into the Union, and to be of perpetual obligation on the said state, (in faith whereof, this resolution is passed by Congress,) that no law shall ever be enacted by the said state, which shall impair or contravene the rights, privileges, or immunities, secured by the constitution of the United States to any persons who now are, or hereafter may be, citizens of *other states*, or to prevent such persons from removing to, and settling in, said state: And provided further, That the legislature, acting under the constitution already adopted in Missouri as a state, shall, as a convention, (for which purpose the consent of Congress is hereby granted) declare their assent by a public act to the said condition, before the next session of Congress, and transmit to Congress an attested copy of such act by the first day of the next session of Congress."

The said amendment being read,

Mr. Clay moved to amend the same by striking out these words where they first occur, viz: *on the first day of the next session of Congress*.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Floyd moved further to amend the said amendment by striking out the words *citizens of other states*, and inserting *citizens of the United States*; which motion was rejected.

Mr. Allen, of Massachusetts, moved that the said resolution and amendments lie on the table; which was rejected.

Mr. Robertson moved to amend the said amendment by striking out these words, viz: "*or to prevent such persons from removing to, and settling in said state.*"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Barbour then moved to amend the said amendment by striking out the following words, viz: *that no law shall ever be enacted by the said state, which shall impair or contravene the rights, privileges, and immunities, secured by the constitution of the United States to any persons who now are, or hereafter may be, citizens of other states*; and, in lieu thereof, inserting, *that no law which may be passed by the said state shall be so construed as to impair or contravene the rights, privileges, or immunities, secured to citizens of the other states by the constitution of the United States.*

And, the question being taken so to amend the amendment,

It was determined in the negative.

A division of the question on the said amendment proposed by Mr. Storrs having been called for,

The question was put, Will the House agree to the first member thereof, to wit: from the commencement, to the words "*other states*," inclusive, in the 10th line?

And determined in the negative, { Yeas 75
Nays 92

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Crowell	Mr. McCreary
Alexander	Culbreth	McLane, <i>Del.</i>
Allen, <i>Tenn.</i>	Culpepper	McLean, <i>Kem.</i>
Anderson	Cuthbert	Meigs
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Davidson	Mercer
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Earle	Metcalfe
Baldwin	Fisher	Montgomery
Barbour	Gray	Neale
Bayly	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>
Bloomfield	Hardin	Newton
Brevard	Hill	Pinckney
Brown	Hooks	Rankin
Bryan	Jackson	Reid
Burton	Johnson	Rhea
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Ringgold
Cannon	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Robertson
Clay	Kent	Sawyer
Cobb	Little	Shaw
Cocke	Lowndes	Simkins
Crawford	McCoy	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>

Mr. Smith, <i>Md.</i>	Mr. Terrell	Mr. Tyler
A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>	Tompkins	Walker
Smith, <i>N. C.</i>	Trimble	Warfield
Stevens	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Swearingen	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>	Williams, <i>N.C.</i> 75

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Ford	Mr. Murray
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Forrest	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Fuller	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Baker	Garnett	Parker, <i>Va.</i>
Ball	Gorham	Patterson
Bateman	Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Philson
Beecher	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Pitcher
Boden	Guyon	Plumer
Brush	Hackley	Randolph
Buffum	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Rich
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Hemphill	Richards
Campbell	Hendricks	Rogers
Case	Herrick	Ross
Clagett	Hibshman	Russ
Clark	Hobart	Sergeant
Cook	Hostetter	Silsbee
Crafts	Kendall	Sloan
Cushman	Kinsey	Storrs
Dane	Kinsley	Street
Darlington	Lathrop	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Dennison	Lincoln	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Dickinson	Livermore	Tarr
Eddy	Maclay	Tomlinson
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	McCullough	Tracy
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Mallary	Udree
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Marchand	Upham
Eustis	Monell	Van Rensselaer
Fay	R. Moore	Wallace
Floyd	S. Moore	Whitman
Folger	Morton	Wood 92
Foot	Moseley	

Mr. Storrs thereupon withdrew the residue of his said amendment.

And Mr. Samuel Moore moved to amend the resolution from the Senate by striking out the proviso therein contained; and, in lieu thereof, inserting the following:

Provided, That the following conditions be taken as fundamental conditions and terms upon which the said state is incorporated into the Union, namely, that the fourth clause of the twenty-sixth section of the third article of the constitution submitted by the people of Missouri to the consideration of Congress, shall, as soon as the provisions of said constitution will admit, be expunged, or so amended, that it shall not be applicable to citizens of any state in this Union:

and that, until expunged, or so amended, no law passed in conformity thereto shall be construed to extend to any citizen of either state in this Union.

And, the question being taken so to amend,
It was also determined in the negative.

Mr. Clay then moved that the said resolution be referred to a select committee.

And, the question being taken thereon,
It passed in the affirmative. And

Mr. Clay, Mr. Eustis, Mr. Smith of Maryland, Mr. Sergeant, Mr. Lowndes, Mr. Ford, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Archer of Virginia, Mr. Hackley, Mr. S. Moore, Mr. Cobb, Mr. Tomlinson, and Mr. Butler of New Hampshire, were appointed the said committee.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 3, 1821.

Mr. Little presented a petition of Frederick Coates, praying compensation for a horse killed in the service of the United States in the late war with Great Britain; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. McCoy presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Bath county, in Virginia, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Sibley presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Wayne county, in the territory of Michigan, praying for a grant of lands lying adjoining to, and in the rear of their farms, for the purpose of enlarging the same; which petition was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Sergeant, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill for the relief of the legal representatives of John B. Mebane, deceased; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Sergeant, from the same committee, to which was referred the report of the Committee on the District of Columbia upon the subject of lotteries in the District of Columbia, made a report thereon, which was read, and the resolution therein submitted was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Sergeant, from the same committee, to which was also referred a bill from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to an act passed on the 11th day of May, 1820, entitled 'An act to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States, and for other purposes,'" reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Mallary, from the committee to whom was referred the message of the President of the United States respecting the progress and

expenditures of the Commissioners under the fifth, sixth, and seventh articles of the treaty of Ghent, made a report, accompanied by a bill to establish the salaries of the Commissioners and agents appointed under the treaty of Ghent; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Committee on Manufactures be discharged from the consideration of the memorials of sundry merchants of Nashville, and of Baltimore, referred on the 15th ultimo, and that they be committed to a committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

Ordered, That the said committee be also discharged from the consideration of the petition of Samuel Lee, and that it lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Affairs be discharged from the consideration of the memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of New York, respecting the exposed state of the commerce of the United States in the Pacific Ocean, and that it be referred to the Secretary of State.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting a list of the names of those persons who were indebted to his department on the 31st December, 1816, and the amount then due from each person; also, the names of those, who, since that time, have become, and were indebted to the said department on the 30th day of September last, and the amount then due from each person; prepared and rendered in obedience to a resolution of this House of the 30th of November last; which letter and lists were referred to the committee appointed on the 19th of December, to inquire into the concerns of the General Post Office.

Mr. McLean, of Kentucky, submitted for consideration the following resolution, which was read, and ordered to lie one day:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to communicate to this House a statement of the bounties and allowances paid to fishing vessels, each year, from the commencement of the government to the present time.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill to incorporate the United States Naval Fraternal Association for the relief of the families of deceased officers, be discharged, and that the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill to authorize the inhabitants of the District of Columbia to form a frame of government.

Ordered, That the resolution reported by the committee of the whole House sitting on the state of the Union on the 10th of May, 1820, declaring "that it is expedient to provide by law a suitable outfit and salary for such minister or ministers as the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, may send to any of the governments of South America, which have established and are maintaining their independence on Spain," be committed to the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1821.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill making appropriations for the support of government for

the year 1821; on the bill to authorize the collectors of the customs to pay debentures issued on the exportation of loaf sugar, and spirits distilled from molasses; and on the bill making appropriations for the public buildings; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Foot reported the last mentioned bill with amendments, and asked leave for the committee to sit again on the two first mentioned bills.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bills.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, February 5, 1821.

Mr. Monell presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Chenango, Madison, and Oneida, in the state of New York, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Mr. Herrick presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Tuscarawas and Coshocton, in the state of Ohio, also praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the "bill to alter and establish certain post roads."

Mr. Jones, of Virginia, presented a petition of Frederick Williams, merchant, of Petersburg, in Virginia, praying to be allowed the benefit of drawback on a quantity of French wines which he intends to export, the right to which benefit he has forfeited by his ignorance of the laws upon the subject; which petition was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of James H. Clark and James Wolfe; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Nathan Ford," made a report thereon, recommending that the said bill be postponed indefinitely; which report was read, and, together with the bill, ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hooks,

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him on the 2d inst. in relation to the marine corps; and the same being read, was agreed to.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported from the committee of the whole House on Saturday, to the bill making appropriations for the public buildings; and the said amendments being again read, were concurred in.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill making appropriations for the support of government, for the year 1821; and on the bill to authorize the collectors of the customs

to pay debentures issued on the exportation of loaf sugar, and spirits distilled from molasses; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Foot reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bills.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 6, 1821.

Mr. Hobart presented a petition of James Warren, an officer of marines on board the frigate Alliance, in the Revolutionary war, praying for his share of the prizes captured by said frigate, in company with the ship of war Bon Homme Richard, commanded by Captain John Paul Jones, in the summer of the year 1777, and sent into Bergen, in Norway, by order of Doctor Franklin, then minister of the United States in France, which prizes were subsequently delivered up to the British government by order of the King of Denmark, or that he may be allowed such remuneration in lieu thereof, as honor and justice requires; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Wood presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the village of Oyster Ponds, in Suffolk county, state of New York, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the committee of the whole House on the bill to alter and establish certain post roads.

Mr. Dennison presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Susquehannah, Bradford, Tioga, Potter, M'Kean, Clearfield, Centre, Mifflin, Union, Northumberland, Columbia, Luzerne, and Lycoming, in the state of Pennsylvania, a copy of the petitions heretofore presented from other inhabitants of said counties; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Ringgold presented a petition of David Heim, praying to be exonerated from the payment of a judgment obtained against him, at the suit of the United States, for duties on a distillery, for reasons set forth in his petition; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Cook presented a petition of Adolphus F. Hubbard, praying to be allowed an additional compensation for his services in bringing the votes of the electors of President and Vice President of the United States, of the state of Illinois, to the seat of government; which was referred to the Committee of Elections.

Mr. Cook also presented a petition of Thomas Sloo, Register of the Land Office, and of John Caldwell, Receiver of the public moneys, at the Land Office at Shawneetown, in the state of Illinois, praying compensation for certain extra services rendered by them, which are detailed in their petition; which was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

The Speaker presented a petition of sundry mechanics and others, concerned in building in the city of Washington, praying for the passage of an act giving mechanics, and persons furnishing materials for buildings, a lien on the property on which such house may be built, to secure the payment of their respective accounts; which petition was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce, reported a bill for the relief of William Bartlett and John Stearns, and others; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, who were instructed by three resolutions adopted by this house on the 3d ultimo, to inquire and report "whether, in their opinion, the permanent revenue is adequate to the expenses of government; whether any measures are necessary to increase the revenue; and, if so, to report those measures; and into the expediency of prohibiting or imposing additional duties on the importation of foreign spirits, and imposing an excise on domestic distilled spirits," made a report thereon; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That 3,000 copies thereof be printed for the use of the members of Congress.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Isaac Minis, and others, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Mr. Barbour, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Edward Barry; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of John Coffee," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Culbreth, from the committee appointed on the 13th ultimo, to inquire if any, and what, salaries in the civil department, may be reduced, consistently with the public interest, reported a bill to reduce the salaries, and fix a maximum of the compensation of certain officers and other persons, employed in the civil department of the government; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Columbian College, in the District of Columbia," and found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That the committee to whom has been referred the resolution from the Senate, declaring the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union, have leave to sit during the sitting of the House.

On motion of Mr. Cannon,

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire whether or not the Military Academy, under the existing laws and regulations, is consistent with the principles and policy of the constitution and government of the United States; also, to inquire into the expediency of repealing or altering the laws in relation to said Academy, and reducing the expenditures of the public money on the same.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of North Carolina,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting, by law, any clerk, or other officer of the departments, from entering, either directly or indirectly, into any contract with the government of the United States.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a statement, shewing the amount of the appropriations for the Navy Department, for the year 1820, and the balances unexpended in the hands of the Treasurer, as agent for the Navy Department, on the 31st of December last, with an estimate of the probable demands on those balances which remain to be satisfied; which letter and documents were referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a statement, shewing the appropriations for the military service, for the year 1820, with the expenditure under each specific head, and the balance unexpended in the hands of the Treasurer, as agent of the War Department, on the 31st December last; also, shewing the sums required to complete the payments under each head of appropriation to that time; which letter and statement were referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the public buildings," was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, to wit: "An act for the relief of Samuel Tacker, late a captain in the navy of the United States;" and "An act authorizing the sale of certain grounds belonging to the United States in the city of Washington in;" which bills they ask the concurrence of this House: and then withdrew.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1821, and on the bill to authorize the collectors of the customs to pay debentures issued on the exportation of loaf sugar, and spirits distilled from molasses; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Foot reported the former of the said bills, with sundry amendments, and asked leave for the committee to sit again on the last mentioned bill.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

The amendments to the bill making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1821, were read: when,

Mr. Culbreth moved that the said bill and amendments lie on the table. Whereupon,

The House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 7, 1821.

A new member, to wit: from North Carolina, William S. Blackledge, elected to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of Jesse Slacumb, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat, the oath to support the constitution of the United States being first administered to him by the Speaker.

Mr. Hobart presented a petition of Nathaniel Carver, of Plymouth, in the state of Massachusetts, praying to be allowed and paid the bounty, granted, by law, to vessels employed in the cod fishery, which he is unable to obtain by reason of the loss of his schooner, called the Harmony, on her return to port, after she had been employed nearly four months of the fishing season; which petition was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Rankin presented a petition of the General Assembly of the state of Mississippi, praying that the right of pre-emption in the purchase may be extended to settlers on public lands within that state; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made reports on the petitions of Andrew Bartle, John Barnard, and Samuel Washburn; which were read, and the resolutions therein submitted were severally read and concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners, respectively, be not granted.

Mr. Forrest, from the committee appointed on the 4th of December last, "to inquire by whom and by what authority the loans of powder and lead, munitions of the United States, were made by the Ordnance Department, as detailed in the reports made to this House, by the Secretary of War, on the 20th of February, 1820, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Cocke, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill to fix and equalize the pay of the officers in the army of the United States; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the whole House on the state of the Union.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, detailing their operations subsequent to their report, dated the 5th of February last; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petitions and docu-

ments of Samuel Hughes, and of the Mohiçcan or Stockbridge Indians, as, also, the documents accompanying the petitions of Otho W. Callis and Isaac Ricker, heretofore presented to this House.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Public Buildings be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of William R. Madlox; and that he have leave to withdraw the same.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Claims, made the 24th of January ult. on the petition of Henry Hoyt, be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Samuel Tucker, late a captain in the navy of the United States; and

An act authorizing the sale of certain grounds belonging to the United States in the city of Washington; were severally read the first and second time, and referred, the former to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and the latter to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Robertson submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing, at some eligible place on the western waters, a military academy.

The said resolution was read, and the question was put, to agree thereto,

And determined in the negative.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1821, and the question depending yesterday, on the motion made by Mr. Culbreth, that the said bill be laid upon the table, recurred, and being taken,

It was determined in the negative.

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole, to the said bill, were then again read, and in part concurred in, and in part rejected by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorize the collectors of the customs to pay debentures issued on the exportation of loaf sugar, and spirits distilled from molasses; and, after some time spent thereon, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Foot reported the said bill with amendments; which were read and concurred in by the House, and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Alvin Bronson; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Street reported the resolution subjoined to the said report, without amendment.

The said resolution was then again read at the Clerk's table, and concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the

the bill regulating the payment of debts due from the purchasers of the public lands; as, also, on the bill for the relief of Robert Buntin; and on the bill further to regulate the issuing of patents of military bounty lands; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hill reported the bill for the relief of Robert Buntin, without amendment, and asked leave for the committee to sit again on the remaining bills.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bills.

Ordered, That the bill for the relief Robert Buntin be engrossed and read a third-time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 8, 1821.

Mr. Butler, of New-Hampshire, presented a petition of Moses Hoyt, a captain in the army in the late war with Great Britain, praying for a pension in consideration of bodily debility contracted whilst in service.

Mr. Gorham presented a petition of Joseph Cheever, an officer of the revolutionary army, praying that the pension heretofore granted him under the act of the 18th of March, 1818, and which has been discontinued under the act of the last session of Congress may be renewed and continued to him.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Russ presented a petition of Solomon Porter, junior, distiller in Connecticut, praying that the duties paid by him on *low wines* manufactured at his distillery may be refunded, as it has been subsequently determined by the proper judicial tribunal, that *low wines* were not at the time subject to the payment of duties.

Mr. Edwards, of Connecticut, presented a petition of Thomas Ward and Henry Ward, merchants of New-Haven, in Connecticut, praying for the remission of the duties secured by them to be paid on a quantity of molasses imported into that port, which has, subsequently been destroyed by fire.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, on the petition of James Morrison; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a list of the clerks employed in the various branches of the War Department, during the year 1820, with the compensation allowed to each; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, of North-Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Frederick Coates; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Butler, of Louisiana, submitted for consideration the follow-

ing resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table one day.

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to report to this House the progress which has been made by the Board of Engineers in determining the sites, and plans of the fortifications of the coast of the United States; the sites which may have been selected; the estimates of the expense in completing the several works; the number of troops necessary to garrison them in peace, and in war; the progress made in erecting the fortifications; the advantages resulting from the system when completed, particularly in reducing the expense of defending the Atlantic frontier.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit :

“An act for the relief of Robert Bunting;” and

“An act to authorize the collectors of customs to pay debentures issued on the exportation of loaf sugar, and spirits distilled from molasses;” were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a resolution for the appointment of a Joint Committee, to ascertain and report a mode of examining the votes for President and Vice-President of the United States, and of notifying the persons elected of their election; in which they ask the concurrence of this House; and then he withdrew.

The said resolution was read and concurred in by the House, and Mr. Clay, Mr. Sergeant, and Mr. Van Rensselaer, were appointed of the committee on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit :

“An act to extend the time for issuing and locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office;” and

“An act to incorporate the Columbian College, in the District of Columbia.”

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and directed him to report the resolution subjoined to the report of the Committee on Naval Affairs, made, and thereto committed, on the 29th ultimo, with amendment.

The said amendment was then read, and being amended to read as follows:

Provided, That the number of captains, masters commandant, lieutenants, and midshipmen, to be authorized, shall not be less than

that of those who are now commissioned in the naval service of the United States:

Mr. Mercer moved further to amend the same, by inserting, after *midshipmen*, the words "*and seamen*," which motion being negatived,

The question was taken to concur with the committee of the whole in the said proviso, as amended, and herein recited;

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 87
Nays 63

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Mr. Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Mr. Parker, <i>Va.</i>
Anderson	Fay	Pinckney
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Folger	Pitcher
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Fuller	Plumer
Baldwin	Gorham	Reid
Ball	Gross, <i>N. F.</i>	Rich
Bayly	Guyon	Ringgold
Beecher	Hemphill	Robertson
Blackledge	Hill	Rogers
Brevard	Hobart	Sergeant
Brown	Hooks	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Brush	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Buffum	Kent	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Lathrop	Southard
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Livermore	Storrs
Clagett	Lowndes	Street
Clark	McCullough	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>
Cooke	McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Tomlinson
Crawford	Mallery	Tompkins
Crowell	Meigs	Trimble
Cushman	Mercer	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Cuthbert	Monell	Tyler
Dane	S. Moore	Udree
Darlington	T. L. Moore	Upham
Davidson	Morton	Van Rensselaer
Denison	Neale	Wendover
Dickinson	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Whitman
Eddy	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Newton	Wood.....87

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Boden	Mr. Crafts
Alexander	Bryan	Culbreth
Allen, <i>N. F.</i>	Burton	Culpepper
Allen, <i>Tenn.</i>	Campbell	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>
Baker	Cannon	Eustis
Barbour	Case	Floyd
Bateman	Cobb	Foot

Mr. Forrest	Mr. McCoy	Mr. Ross
Gray	McCreary	Russ
Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Sawyer
Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Marchand	Shaw
Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Metcalf	Sloan
Hardin	R. Moore	Stevens
Hendricks	Murray	Strong, <i>Kt.</i>
Herrick	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Tarr
Hibshman	Patterson	Terrell
Hostetter	Philson	Tracy
Johnson	Rankin	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Kinsey	Rhea	Walker
Lincoln	Richards	Warfield
Maclay	Richmond	Williams, <i>N. C.</i> 63

The resolution submitted by the Committee on Naval Affairs was then concurred in by the House as amended, viz:

Resolved, That a naval peace establishment ought to be fixed by law: Provided, that the number of captains, masters commandant, lieutenants, and midshipmen, to be authorized, shall not be less than that of those who are now commissioned in the naval service of the United States.

Mr. Cobb then moved the following order:

Ordered, That the foregoing resolution be recommitted to the Committee on Naval Affairs, with instructions to report a bill conformably thereto; and to reduce the number of seamen, ordinary seamen, and boys, to the number of two thousand five hundred and twenty one.

The said order being read,

Mr. Lowndes moved to amend it by striking out the latter clause thereof, commencing after the word *thereto*: Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Brush, that the same be postponed indefinitely: upon which

The House adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 9, 1821.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of the merchants, insurers, ship owners, and others, of the city of New York, interested in the foreign and domestic trade with the state of Alabama, praying that the town of Blakeley, in the said state, may be established as a port of entry.

Mr. Parker, of Virginia, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the collection district of East river in that state, interested in the coasting and foreign trade, praying that the port of entry at East river may not be abolished.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Murray presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Susquehannah, Bradford, Tioga, Potter, McKean, Clear-

field, Centre, Mifflin, Union, Northumberland, Columbia, Luzerne, and Lycoming, in the state of Pennsylvania, a copy of those heretofore presented from other inhabitants of those counties; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Thomas L. Moore presented a petition of Gideon Johnston, praying compensation for a house, with its furniture and contents, destroyed by the military operations during the siege of York, in the state of Virginia, in the Revolutionary war; which petition was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Adam Haskin; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Joseph Cheever, and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made unfavorable reports in the cases of Mary Sewall and George W. Fox; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Hemphill, from the committee on so much of the President's message as relates to the slave trade, and to which were referred two messages from the President, transmitting sundry documents relating to negotiations for the suppression of the slave trade, made a report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Butler, of Louisiana,

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him yesterday, and the same being read, was concurred in.

The House resumed the consideration of the order submitted yesterday by Mr. Cobb, for the recommitment to the Committee on Naval Affairs of the resolution subjoined to their report of the 29th ultimo, as amended yesterday by the House, with instructions to report a bill conformably thereto; and to reduce the number of seamen, ordinary seamen, and boys, to the number of two thousand five hundred and twenty-one.

And the question recurred on the motion made by Mr. Brush, and depending yesterday, viz. that the subject be postponed indefinitely; and being stated, it was,

On motion of Mr. Butler, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to alter and establish certain post roads; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Mallary reported the same with sundry amendments, which were read, and concurred in by the House, and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time to-morrow.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1821: When

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Gray	Mr. Reid
Adams	Guyon	Rhea
Alexander	Hall, N. C.	Rich
Allen, Mass.	Hardin	Richards
Archer, Md.	Hemphill	Ringgold
Barbour	Hill	Robertson
Bayly	Hobart	Russ
Brevard	Jones, Va.	Sawyer
Brush	Kendall	Sergeant
Buffum	Kent	Silsbee
Burton	Lathrop	Simkins
Butler, N. H.	Livermore	Smith, N. J.
Clagett	Lowndes	Smith, Md.
Cobb	Maclay	Smith, N. C.
Crafts	McCoy	Street
Cushman	McCullough	Strong, Vt.
Dane	McLane, Del.	Strong, N. F.
Denison	Meigs	Swearingen
Dickinson	Mercer	Terrell
Edwards, Con.	Montgomery	Tomlinson
Edwards, Pen.	Morton	Tompkins
Edwards, N. C.	Neale	Tucker, S. C.
Eustis	Nelson, Mass.	Tyler
Fay	Nelson, Va.	Warfield
Folger	Newton	Wendover
Foot	Parker, Va.	Whitman
Forrest	Pinckney	Williams, N. C.
Fuller	Plumer	Wood.....86
Gorham	Rankin	

Mr. Beecher then moved further to amend the said bill, by inserting therein the following item, viz: "*For repairing the Cumberland road, twenty thousand dollars, being a part of the unexpended appropriation for the completion of the road.*"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was also determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the First Comptroller of the Treasury, transmitting a list, prepared by the Register, of the balances standing on the books of receipts and expenditures, and which appear to have been due or unsettled more than three years, prior to the 30th September last; which letter was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 10, 1821.

Mr. Rich presented additional testimony in support of the claim of Aaron Bellamy, which, together with the petition and papers of

the said Bellamy, heretofore presented, were referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Whitman presented a petition of Abigail Fosdick, praying that she may be compensated for her right of dower in land taken in payment of a debt due from her late husband to the United States; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Fay presented a petition of Garret Putman, praying compensation for services rendered as a guide in the Revolutionary army.

Mr. Cushman presented a petition of Daniel Collins and William Hilton, praying compensation for their services as soldiers in the Revolutionary army.

Mr. Cushman also presented a document in support of the petition of Frederick Jakins.

Ordered, That the said petitions and document be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. McCreary presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants of the district of Spartansburg, in the state of South Carolina, against any increase of the tariff of duties on imports, as a mean of extending further protection and encouragement to the manufacturing interest of the country; which memorial was referred to the committee of the whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the representatives of Patience Gordon, widow, deceased," made a report thereon, recommending that the said bill be rejected; which was read, and, together with the bill, was ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the joint Library Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Joseph M. Sanderson, and that he have leave to withdraw the same.

On motion of Mr. Hardin,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of exempting from the custom house duties all such articles which are now by law subject to duty, as may have been, or may hereafter be, imported for the express use of the Roman Catholic cathedral and college erected and established at Bardstown, in Kentucky.

Mr. Cannon moved that the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill to provide an uniform system of organization for the militia of the different states and territories, and for instructing the officers of the same at the expense of the United States, be discharged, and that the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole House on the state of the Union.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Clay, from the select committee, to which was referred, on the 2d instant, the resolution from the Senate, declaring the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union, reported the same with an

amendment, accompanied with a special report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Butler, of New Hampshire, submitted the following joint resolution, which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table, viz:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the people of Missouri be, and they are hereby, authorized to form a new constitution, or to alter the constitution which they have already formed and presented to Congress, in such way and manner as they may judge most proper, and submit the same to Congress, for the purpose of being admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original states.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

“An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1821;” and,

“An act to alter and establish certain post roads;” were severally read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Clay submitted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives participates with the people of the United States in the deep interest which they feel for the success of the Spanish provinces of South America, which are struggling to establish their liberty and independence: and that it will give its constitutional support to the President of the United States, whenever he may deem it expedient to recognize the sovereignty and independence of any of the said provinces.

The said resolution was read: When

Mr. Wood moved that it lie on the table; which, being negatived,

Mr. Archer, of Maryland, called for a division of the question; and the same being stated to agree to the first member thereof, ending with the word *independence*,

Mr. Wood moved that the said resolution be postponed indefinitely.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Foot then moved that the said resolution lie on the table, which motion was also negatived: When,

Mr. Wood moved to amend the same, by adding thereto the following proviso: Provided, nothing in this resolution is intended, nor shall be construed, to have any influence upon the independent exercise of the treaty-making power by the President and Senate.

And, the question being taken to agree to the said proviso,

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken on agreeing to the said first member of the resolution,

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas 134
Nays 12

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Eddy	Mr. Morton
Adams	Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Murray
Alexander	Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Neale
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Eustis	Newton
Allen, <i>Tenn.</i>	Fisher	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Anderson	Floyd	Patterson
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Ford	Philson
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Fuller	Pitcher
Baker	Gray	Plumer
Baldwin	Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Rankin
Ball	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Reid
Barbour	Guyon	Rhea
Bateman	Hackley	Rich
Bayly	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Richmond
Beecher	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Robertson
Blackledge	Hardin	Rogers
Boden	Hemphill	Ross
Brevard	Hendricks	Russ
Brown	Herrick	Shaw
Brush	Hibshman	Simkins
Bryan	Hill	Sloan
Burton	Hobart	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Hooks	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Hostetter	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Campbell	Johnson	Southard
Cannon	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Stevens
Case	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Storrs
Clagett	Kendall	Swearingen
Clark	Kinsey	Tarr
Clay	Kinsley	Tomlinson
Cobb	Lincoln	Trimble
Cocke	Macclay	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Cook	McCoy	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Crawford	McCreary	Tyler
Culbreth	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Udree
Culpepper	Mallary	Upham
Cushman	Marchand	Van Rensselaer
Cuthbert	Meech	Walker
Dane	Meigs	Wallace
Darlington	Mercer	Warfield
Davidson	Metcalf	Wendover
Denison	Monell	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Dewitt	R. Moore	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Dickinson	S. Moore	Wood134
Earle	T. L. Moore	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Mr. Fay	Mr. Montgomery
Buffum	Folger	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>
Crafts	Foot	Richards
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Livermore	Strong, <i>N.</i>12

Mr. Maclay then moved to amend the second member of the said resolution, by prefixing thereto the following: "That it approves of the course heretofore pursued by the President of the United States with regard to the said provinces."

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken to agree to the second member of the said resolution, to wit: from the word *and*, after the word *independence*, to the end thereof,

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas 87
Nays 68

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Earle	Mr. Murray
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Fisher	Neale
Allen, <i>Tenn.</i>	Floyd	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Anderson	Ford	Patterson
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Philson
Baker	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Pitcher
Ball	Hackley	Richmond
Bateman	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Rogers
Bayly	Hendricks	Ross
Beecher	Herrick	Shaw
Blackledge	Hibshman	Sloan
Boden	Hooks	Southard
Brown	Hostetter	Stevens
Brush	Johnson	Storrs
Bryan	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Swearingen
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Kinsey	Tarr
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Kinsley	Tracy
Campbell	Lincoln	Trimble
Cannon	McCreary	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Case	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Clark	Mallary	Tyler
Clay	Marchand	Udree
Cocke	Meech	Upham
Culbreth	Mercer	Van Rensselaer
Culpepper	Metcalf	Walker
Cuthbert	Monell	Wallace
Darlington	R. Moore	Warfield
Davidson	S. Moore	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Dewitt	T. L. Moore	Williams, <i>N. C.</i> ..87

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Folger	Mr. Nelson, Va.
Alexander	Foot	Newton
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Forrest	Plumer
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Fuller	Rankin
Baldwin	Gorham	Reid
Barbour	Gray	Rhea
Brevard	Guyon	Rich
Buffum	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Richards
Burton	Hardin	Robertson
Clagett	Hemphill	Russ
Cobb	Hill	Sergeant
Cook	Hobart	Silsbee
Crafts	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Simkins
Cushman	Kendall	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Dane	Kent	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Denison	Lathrop	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Dickinson	Livermore	Street
Eddy	Maclay	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	McCoy	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Meigs	Tomlinson
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Montgomery	Wendover
Eustis	Morton	Wood68
Fay	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	

Mr. Clay, and Mr. Allen of New York, were appointed a committee to present the said resolution to the President of the United States.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, February 12, 1821.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of William Stamford, Hannah Stamford, and Ann Middleton, heirs and representatives of William Kinnard, deceased, praying compensation for the services of their ancestor, as a soldier in the Revolutionary army; which petition was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. McCullough presented a petition of John Cashel, praying compensation for four horses lost in the military service of the United States in the late war with Great Britain.

The Speaker presented a petition of John Perkins, Thaddeus Clark, Josiah Murain, Zeno Allen, Asahel Smith, and Frederick White, praying payment of certain due bills issued by Th. Tupper, an assistant deputy quartermaster general in the army of the United States.

The Speaker also presented a petition of John Perry, late a contractor for supplying rations to the troops of the United States stationed at Greenbush, in the state of New York, praying compensation for a quantity of provisions wantonly destroyed by the troops stationed at the place aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims, and that the committee of the whole House to which is committed the report of the Committee of Claims made at the last session on a former petition of John Perry, be discharged, and that the said report and petition be recommitted to the said Committee of Claims.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill further to establish the compensation of the officers employed in the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House to which is committed the bill to repeal an act passed the 26th of April, 1816, increasing the compensation of inspectors, measurers, weighers, and gaugers.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas L. Ogden and others," reported the same with amendments; which were read, and, together with the bill, committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting papers containing the information required by the resolution adopted on the 5th instant in relation to the marine corps; which letter and papers were referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Clay,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, provision by law is necessary to secure the due execution of process issuing from the courts of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Robert Moore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the removal of the obstructions in the entrance of Erie harbor, in the state of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Moore accompanied the above resolution with an attested copy of a resolution adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Pennsylvania, approved by the Governor on the 1st of February instant, "requesting their Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their exertions in procuring the passage of a law providing for the removal of the obstructions in the entrance of the said harbor; and pledging that commonwealth to co-operate with the United States in the accomplishment of that object;" which resolution, together with the memorial of sundry inhabitants of the borough of Erie in the said state, heretofore presented on the 29th December, 1817, was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Storrs,

The House proceeded to consider the order submitted by him on the 1st instant, prescribing an order of business for the remainder of the present session; and, the said order being read, Mr. Storrs modi-

fold his said resolution by inserting, after the words, *Ordered that*, the words "*from and after the 19th of this month.*"

Mr. McCoy then moved to strike out the said words, "*from and after the 19th of this month.*"

And, the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Rhea then moved to lay the said order on the table; which, being negatived,

The question was then taken to agree to the said order as originally proposed,

And passed in the affirmative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have received official information that the President of the United States did, on the 9th instant, approve and sign "An act to incorporate the Columbian college in the District of Columbia." The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of purchasers of public lands prior to the 1st July, 1820," in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That the amendment reported on Saturday last by the select committee to the resolution from the Senate "declaring the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union," together with the said resolution, be committed to the committee of the whole House on the state of the Union.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, reported that the committee of the whole had, according to order, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and directed him to report their disagreement to the amendment proposed by the select committee to the resolution from the Senate "declaring the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union."

The question was then stated to concur with the committee of the whole on the state of the Union in their disagreement to the said amendment: When

Mr. Storrs moved that the said resolution, with the amendment aforesaid, be postponed indefinitely.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 42
Nays 127

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams

Allen, *Mass.*

Allen, *N. Y.*

Baker

Buffum

Case

Mr. Clagett

Denison

Edwards, *Con.*

Edwards, *Penn.*

Eustis

Fay

Mr. Folger

Forrest

Gorham

Hemphill

Herrick

Kendall

Mr. Kinsley	Mr. Rich	Mr. Storrs
Macclay	Richards	Street
Marchand	Richmond	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Monell	Rogers	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
S. Moore	Ross	Tracy
Murray	Russ	Van Rensselaer
Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Sergeant	Wallace
Patterson	Silsbee	Whitman.....42

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Dickinson	Mr. Meigs
Alexander	Earle	Mercer
Allen, <i>Tenn.</i>	Eddy	Metcalf
Anderson	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Montgomery
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Fisher	R. Moore
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Floyd	T. L. Moore
Baldwin	Foot	Morton
Ball	Ford	Moseley
Barbour	Fuller	Neale
Bateman	Garnett	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>
Bayly	Gray	Newton
Beecher	Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Blackledge	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Parker, <i>Va.</i>
Bloomfield	Guyon	Philson
Boden	Hackley	Pinckney
Brevard	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Pitcher
Brown	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Plumer
Brush	Hardin	Randolph
Bryan	Hendricks	Rankin
Burton	Hibshman	Reid
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Hill	Rhea
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Hobart	Ringgold
Campbell	Hooks	Robertson
Cannon	Jackson	Sawyer
Clark	Johnson	Shaw
Clay	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Simkins
Cobb	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Sloan
Cocke	Kent	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Cook	Kinsey	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Crafts	Lathrop	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Crawford	Lincoln	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Crowell	Little	Stevens
Culbreth	Livermore	Swearingen
Culpepper	McCoy	Tarr
Cushman	McCreary	Terrell
Cuthbert	McCullough	Tomlinson
Dane	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Tompkins
Darlington	Mallary	Trimble
Davidson	Meech	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>

Mr. Tucker, S. C.

Tyler

Udree

Upham

Mr. Walker

Warfield

Wendover

Williams, Va.

Mr. Williams, M. C.

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The resolution from the Senate is in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the state of Missouri shall be, and is hereby declared, one of the United States of America, and is admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, in all respects whatever: Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to give the assent of Congress to any provision in the constitution of Missouri. (if any such there be) which contravenes that clause of the constitution of the United States, which declares that the citizens of each state shall be entitled to all the privileges and immunities of citizens of the several states.

And the amendment, reported by the select committee, is as follows: Strike out all of the resolution after the word *be*, in the second line; and, in lieu thereof, insert as follows:

“Admitted into this Union on an equal footing with the original states, in all respects whatever, upon the fundamental condition, that the said state shall never pass any law preventing any description of persons from coming to, and settling in, the said state, who now are, or hereafter may become, citizens of any of the states of this Union: And provided also, That the Legislature of the said state, by a solemn public act, shall declare the assent of the said state to the said fundamental condition, and shall transmit to the President of the United States, on or before the fourth Monday in November next, an authentic copy of the said act; upon the receipt whereof, the President, by proclamation, shall announce the fact; whereupon, and without any further proceeding on the part of Congress, the admission of the said state into this Union shall be considered as complete! And provided further, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to take from the said state of Missouri, when admitted into this Union, the exercise of any right or power which can now be constitutionally exercised by any of the original states.”

Mr. Mallary moved to amend the said amendment, by striking out all thereof after the word *respects*, and inserting the following:

“Whenever the people of the said state, by a convention, appointed according to the manner provided by the act to authorize the people of Missouri to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and to prohibit slavery in certain territories, approved March 6th, 1820, adopt a constitution conformably to the provisions of said act, and shall, in addition to said provisions, further provide in, and by, said constitution, that neither slavery nor involuntary servitude shall ever be allowed in said state of Missouri, unless inflicted as a punishment for crimes committed against the laws of said state, whereof the party accused shall be duly convicted. Provided, That the civil condition of those persons who now are held to service in Missouri, shall not be affected by this last provision.”

And, the question being taken to agree to this amendment,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 61
Nays 107

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. AdamsAllen, *Mass.*Allen, *N. Y.*

Baker

Boden

Buffum

Case

Crafts

Cushman

Denison

Dickinson

Edwards, *Con.*Edwards, *Pen.*

Fay

Folger

Forrest

Fuller

Gorham

Hall, *N. Y.*

Hemphill

Hendricks

Mr. Herrick

Hibshman

Kendall

Kinsley

Lathrop

Livermore

Maclay

McCullough

Mallary

Marchand

Meech

Monell

R. Moore

Morton

Moseley

Murray

Nelson, *Mass.*Parker, *Mass.*

Patterson

Philson

Pitcher

Mr. Plumer

Rich

Richards

Richmond

Ross

Russ

Sergeant •

Silsbee

Sloan

Street

Strong, *Vt.*Strong, *N. Y.*

Tarr

Tracy

Upham

Van Rensselaer

Wendover

Whitman

Wood.....61

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot

Alexander

Allen, *Tenn.*

Anderson

Archer, *Md.*Archer, *Va.*

Baldwin

Ball

Barbour

Bateman

Bayly

Beecher

Blackledge

Bloomfield

Brevard

Brown

Brush

Bryan

Butler, *N. H.*Butler, *Lou.*

Campbell

Mr. Cannon

Clagett

Clark

Clay

Cobb

Cocke

Cook

Crawford

Crowell

Culbreth

Culpepper

Cuthbert

Dane

Darlington

Davidson

Earle

Eddy

Edwards, *N. C.*

Eustis

Fisher

Floyd

Mr. Foot

Ford

Garnett

Gray

Gross, *N. Y.*Gross, *Pen.*

Guyon

Hackley

Hall, *N. C.*

Hardin

Hill

Hobart

Hooks

Jackson

Johnson

Jones, *Va.*Jones, *Ten.*

Kent

Kinsey

Lincoln

Little

Mr. McCoy	Mr. Randolph	Mr. Storrs
McCreary	Rankin	Swearingen
McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Reid	Terrell
McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Rhea	Tomlinson
Meigs	Ringgold	Tompkins
Mercer	Robertson	Trimble
Metcalf	Rogers	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Montgomery	Sawyer	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
S. Moore	Shaw	Tyler
T. L. Moore	Simkins	Udree
Neale	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>	Walker
Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Smith, <i>Md.</i>	Warfield
Newton	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Pinckney	Stevens	

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The question was then taken to concur with the committee of the whole in their disagreement aforesaid to the amendment reported by the select committee.

And determined in the negative, { Yeas 83
Nays 86

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Forrest	Mr. S. Moore
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Fuller	Morton
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Garnett	Moseley
Baker	Gorham	Murray
Beecher	Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>
Boden	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Buffum	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Parker, <i>Va.</i>
Burton	Hemphill	Patterson
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Hendricks	Philson
Campbell	Herrick	Pitcher
Case	Hibshman	Plumer
Clagett	Hobart	Randolph
Cook	Kendall	Richards
Cushman	Kinsey	Richmond
Dane	Kinsley	Rogers
Darlington	Lathrop	Ross
Denison	Lincoln	Russ
Dickinson	Livermore	Sergeant
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Maclay	Silsbee
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	McCullough	Sloan
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Mallary	Street
Eustis	Marchand	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Fay	Meech	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Folger	Monell	Tarr
Foot	R. Moore	Terrell

Mr. Tomlinson	Mr. Upham	Mr. Whitman
Tracy	Van Rensselaer	Wood.....83
Udree	Wendover	
Those who voted in the negative, are,		
Mr. Abbot	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Nelson, Va.
Alexander	Earle	Newton
Allen, Ten.	Eddy	Pinckney
Anderson	Fisher	Rankin
Archer, Md.	Floyd	Reid
Archer, Va.	Ford	Rhea
Baldwin	Gray	Rich
Ball	Guyon	Ringgold
Barbour	Hackley	Robertson
Bateman	Hall, N. C.	Sawyer
Bayly	Hardin	Shaw
Blackledge	Hill	Simkins
Bloomfield	Hooks	Smith, N. J.
Brevard	Jackson	Smith, Md.
Brown	Johnson	A. Smyth, Va.
Brush	Jones, Va.	Smith, N. C.
Bryan	Jones, Ten.	Stevens
Butler, Lou.	Kent	Storrs
Cannon	Little	Swearingen
Clark	McCoy	Tompkins
Clay	McCreary	Trimble
Cobb	McLane, Del.	Tucker, Va.
Cocke	McLean, Ken.	Tucker, S. C.
Crafts	Meigs	Tyler
Crawford	Mercer	Walker
Crowell	Metcalf	Warfield
Culbreth	Montgomery	Williams, Va.
Culpepper	T. L. Moore	Williams, N. C.
Cuthbert	Neale	

And so the amendment reported by the said select committee was agreed to.

The question was then taken, Shall the said amendment be engrossed, and the resolution read a third time?

And determined in the negative, { Yeas 80
Nays 83

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are.

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Bateman	Mr. Cannon
Alexander	Bayly	Clark
Anderson	Blackledge	Clay
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Bloomfield	Cobb
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Brevard	Cocke
Baldwin	Brown	Crawford
Ball	Bryan	Crowell
Barbour	Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Culbreth

Mr. Culpepper
Cuthbert
Davidson
Earle
Eddy
Fisher
Floyd
Ford
Garnett
Gray
Guyon
Hackley
Hall, *N. C.*
Hardin
Hill
Hooks
Johnson
Jones, *Tenn.*
Little

Mr. McCoy
McCreary
McLane, *Del.*
McLean, *Ken.*
Meigs
Mercer
Metcalf
Montgomery
T. L. Moore
Neale
Nelson, *Va.*
Newton
Pinckney
Rankin
Reid
Rhea
Ringgold
Robertson
Sawyer

Mr. Shaw
Simkins
Smith, *N. J.*
Smith, *Md.*
A. Smyth, *Va.*
Smith, *N. C.*
Stevens
Storrs
Swearingen
Tompkins
Trimble
Tucker, *Va.*
Tucker, *S. C.*
Tyler
Walker
Warfield
Williams, *Va.*
Williams, *N. C.*

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Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams
Allen, *Mass.*
Allen, *N. Y.*
Baker
Beecher
Boden
Brush
Buffum
Butler, *N. H.*
Campbell
Case
Clagett
Cook
Crafts
Cushman
Dane
Darlington
Denison
Dickinson
Edwards, *Con.*
Edwards, *Pen.*
Edwards, *N. C.*
Eustis
Fay
Folger
Foot
Forrest
Fuller

Mr. Gorham
Gross, *N. Y.*
Gross, *Pen.*
Hall, *N. Y.*
Hemphill
Hendricks
Herrick
Hibshman
Hobart
Kendall
Kinsey
Kinsley
Lathrop
Lincoln
Livermore
Maclay
McCullough
Mallory
Marchand
Meech
Monell
R. Moore
S. Moore
Morton
Moseley
Murray
Nelson, *Mass.*
Parker, *Mass.*

Mr. Patterson
Philson
Pitcher
Plumer
Randolph
Rich
Richards
Richmond
Rogers
Ross
Russ
Sergeant
Silsbee
Sloan
Street
Strong, *Vt.*
Strong, *N. Y.*
Tarr
Terrell
Tomlinson
Tracy
Udree
Upham
Van Rensselaer
Wendover
Whitman
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And so the said resolution from the Senate was rejected.
And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 13, 1821.

The Journal of yesterday being read, Mr. Livermore moved to amend the same, by erasing the order directing the Clerk to inform the Senate that this House have rejected the resolution from the Senate declaring the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union.

And, the question being taken so to amend,

It passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of Andrew Dalck, praying compensation for a horse lost in the military service of the United States in the late war with Great Britain; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Little presented a petition of Isaac de Young, praying to be allowed the arrearage of pension to which he conceives himself entitled; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Kent presented a petition of Gassaway Watkins, an officer in the Revolutionary army, praying further compensation for his services, or that the pension granted him under the act of 18th of March, 1818, may be continued without a compliance, on his part, with the provisions of the act of the last session, which he alleges to be so humiliating, that a soldier and a man of honor cannot consent to submit to them; which petition was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred, on the 13th ultimo, the petition of James Crawford and others, reported a bill for the relief of certain persons who have paid duties on certain goods imported into Castine; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the consideration of the cases of Francis Julineau, and John Lowden, and that the former be referred to the Committee of Claims, and the latter to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill giving the right of pre-emption, in the purchase of public lands, to certain settlers in that part of the territory of Arkansas, ceded to the Cherokee Indians; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Trimble, from the Committee of Elections, made the following report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table, viz:

“The Committee of Elections report, in part, that they have examined the certificates of election, and other credentials, of the following members, and find the same sufficient to entitle them to seats in this House, viz:

From the state of Maine.

Joseph Dane, vice John Holmes, resigned.

From Massachusetts.

Benjamin Gorham, *vice* Jonathan Mason, resigned.
Aaron Hobart, *vice* Zabdiel Sampson, resigned.
William Eustis, *vice* Edward Dowse, resigned.

From Pennsylvania.

Thomas G. McCullough, *vice* David Fullerton, resigned.
Daniel Udree, *vice* Joseph Hiester, resigned.

From Virginia.

John C. Gray, *vice* James Johnson, resigned.
Thomas L. Moore, *vice* George F. Strother, resigned.
Edward B. Jackson, *vice* James Pindall, resigned.

From Kentucky.

Thomas Montgomery, *vice* Tunstal Quarles, resigned.
Francis Johnson, *vice* David Walker, deceased.

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From Michigan.

Solomon Sibley, *vice* Wm. W. Woodbridge, resigned."

Mr. Cocke, from the Committee on Military Affairs, who were instructed to inquire whether any officers of the army of the United States are employed as clerks, or in any other capacity, in any of the Departments, or in the office of the Surgeon General, or Apothecary General, and whether such officers, if any, have received any other compensation than their pay as officers; if so, what are their names, and what extra compensation have they received; made a report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Comptroller of the Treasury, transmitting lists taken from the books of the Register, of balances which appear to have been due or unsettled more than three years prior to the 30th September last, from the collectors of the customs, supervisors, collectors, &c. of the old internal revenue and direct tax, and receivers of public moneys for lands; which letter and lists were ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Garnett,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Buildings be instructed to inquire into the practicability of more effectually ventilating the Hall of the House of Representatives, and to report such plan as may appear to them best calculated to effect the object, as speedily as possible.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of purchasers of public lands prior to the 1st July, 1820," was read the

first and second time, and committed to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the letter from the Secretary of the Navy, laid before the House yesterday, transmitting papers containing the information required by the resolution of the 5th instant, in relation to the marine corps, and that the said letter and papers be referred to the Committee on Expenditures in the Navy Department.

A motion was made by Mr. Livermore, that the House do reconsider the vote taken yesterday on the question, Shall the amendment, reported by the select committee, to the resolution from the Senate, "declaring the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union," be engrossed, and the said resolution read a third time?

And, on the question, Will the House reconsider the said vote?

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas 101
Nays 66

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Crowell	Mr. Jones, <i>Ten.</i>
Alexander	Culbreth	Kent
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Culpepper	Kinsey
Allen, <i>Tenn.</i>	Cushman	Little
Anderson	Cuthbert	Livermore
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Davidson	McCoy
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Dewitt	McCreary
Baldwin	Dickinson	McCullough
Ball	Earle	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>
Bateman	Eddy	Meigs
Bayly	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Mercer
Beecher	Eustis	Metcalf
Blackledge	Floyd	Montgomery
Bloomfield	Foot	S. Moore
Brevard	Ford	T. L. Moore
Brown	Fuller	Neale
Brush	Gray	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>
Bryan	Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Newton
Burton	Guyon	Parker, <i>Va.</i>
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Hackley	Pinckney
Campbell	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Rankin
Cannon	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Reid
Clark	Hardin	Rhea
Clay	Hill	Ringgold
Cobb	Hooks	Robertson
Cocke	Jackson	Sawyer
Cook	Johnson	Shaw
Crawford	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Simkins

Mr. Sloan	Mr. Swearingen	Mr. Walker
Smith, <i>N. J.</i>	Tompkins	Warfield
Smith, <i>Md.</i>	Trimble	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Smith, <i>N. C.</i>	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Stevens	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>	Wood101
Storrs	Tyler	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Hibshman	Mr. Plumer
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Hobart	Randolph
Baker	Hostetter	Rich
Boden	Kendall	Richards
Buffum	Kinsley	Richmond
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Lathrop	Rogers
Case	Lincoln	Ross
Clagett	Maclay	Russ
Crafts	Mallary	Sergeant
Dane	Marchand	Silsbee
Darlington	Meech	Street
Denison	Monell	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	R. Moore	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Morton	Tarr
Fay	Moseley	Tomlinson
Folger	Murray	Tracy
Forrest	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Udree
Gorham	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Upham
Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Patterson	Van Rensselaer
Hemphill	Phelps	Wallace
Hendricks	Philson	Wendover
Herrick	Pitcher	Whitman.....66

The question then again recurred, Shall the amendment reported by the select committee aforesaid be engrossed, and the resolution read a third time?

And, being put,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 82
Nays 88

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Bayly	Mr. Cobb
Alexander	Blackledge	Cocke
Allen, <i>Tenn.</i>	Bloomfield	Crawford
Anderson	Brevard	Crowell
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Brown	Culbreth
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Bryan	Culpepper
Baldwin	Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Cuthbert
Ball	Cannon	Davidson
Barbour	Clark	Earle
Bateman	Clay	Eddy

Mr. Floyd	Mr. McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Mr. Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Ford	Meigs	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Gray	Mercer	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Guyon	Metcalf	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Hackley	Montgomery	Stevens
Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	T. L. Moore	Storrs
Hardin	Neale	Swearingen
Hill	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Tompkins
Hooks	Newton	Trimble
Jackson	Pinckney	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Johnson	Rankin	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Reid	Tyler
Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Rhea	Walker
Kent	Ringgold	Warfield
Little	Robertson	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
McCoy	Sawyer	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
McCreary	Shaw	
McLane, <i>Del.</i>	Simkins	

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Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Garnett	Mr. Patterson
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Gorham	Phelps
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Gross, <i>N. E.</i>	Philson
Baker	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Pitcher
Beecher	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Plumer
Boden	Hemphill	Randolph
Brush	Hendricks	Rich
Buffum	Herrick	Richards
Burton	Hibshman	Richmond
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Hobart	Rogers
Campbell	Hostetter	Ross
Case	Kendall	Russ
Clagett	Kinsey	Sergeant
Cook	Kinsley	Silsbee
Crafts	Lathrop	Sloan
Cushman	Lincoln	Street
Dane	Livermore	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Darlington	Maclay	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Denison	McCullough	Tarr
Dewitt	Mallory	Tomlinson
Dickinson	Marchand	Tracy
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Meech	Udree
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Monell	Upham
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	R. Moore	Van Rensselaer
Eustis	S. Moore	Wallace
Fay	Morton	Wendover
Folger	Moseley	Whitman
Foot	Murray	Wood.....86
Forrest	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	
Fuller	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	

And so the said resolution was rejected.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have concurred in the resolutions submitted by the joint committee appointed on the subject of the election of President and Vice President of the United States. And then he withdrew.

The House then adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 14, 1821.

Ordered, That Mr. Burton have leave of absence from the service of this House, from Thursday next, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Upham presented a petition of Jonathan Chase, praying further compensation for his services as a non-commissioned officer in the Revolutionary army; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Hill presented the petition of Peter H. Green, and Green & Emerson, praying that the Secretary of War may be authorized and directed to settle their claims for supplies furnished the army of the United States, in the years 1815, 1816, and 1817, upon the principles of equity and justice, and to make them such additional allowances as may be found fairly due them; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Livermore, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported a bill in addition to the act regulating the post office establishment; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed Mr. Barbour a teller, on their part, agreeably to the resolutions of the 13th instant, in relation to the mode of examining the votes for President and Vice President of the United States. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Clay, from the Joint Committee, appointed to ascertain and report a mode of examining the votes for President and Vice President of the United States, reported the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the two Houses shall assemble in the Chamber of the House of Representatives, on Wednesday, the 14th of February, 1821, at 12 o'clock, and the President of the Senate shall be the presiding officer of the Senate, seated on the right of the Speaker of the House, who shall be the presiding officer of the House; that two persons be appointed tellers on the part of the House, to make a list of the votes as they shall be declared; that the result shall be delivered to the President of the Senate, who shall announce the state of the vote and the persons elected, to the two Houses assembled as aforesaid, which shall be deemed a declaration of the persons elected President and Vice President of the United States, and, together with a list of votes, be entered on the journals of the two Houses.

Resolved, That if any objection be made to the votes of Missouri,

and the counting or omitting to count which shall not essentially change the result of the election, in that case they shall be reported by the President of the Senate, in the following manner: Were the votes of Missouri to be counted the result would be, for A B, for President of the United States votes. If not counted, for A. B. for President of the United States votes. But, in either event, A B is elected President of the United States. And in the same manner for Vice President.

The said resolutions were read, and a division being required,

The question was taken to agree to the first resolution,

And passed in the affirmative.

The question was then taken to agree to the second resolution,

And also passed in the affirmative, { Yeas 90
Nays 67

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Gross, N. Y.	Mr. T. L. Moore
Alexander	Gross, Penn.	Moseley
Allen, Mass.	Hackley	Murray
Allen, N. Y.	Hall, N. Y.	Neale
Anderson	Hemphill	Nelson, Mass.
Archer, Md.	Hendricks	Parker, Mass.
Baker	Herrick	Patterson
Bateman,	Hill	Philson
Beecher	Hobart	Pitcher
Campbell	Hostetter	Plumer
Cannon	Kendall	Rogers
Clagett	Kent	Russ
Clark	Kinsey	Sawyer
Clay	Kinsley	Sergeant
Cook	Lathrop	Silsbee
Cushman	Little	Sloan
Dane	Livermore	Stevens
Darlington	Maclay	Storrs
Davidson	McCoy	Street
Denison	McCreary	Strong, W.
Dickinson	McCullough	Strong, N. Y.
Eddy	McLean, Ken.	Tomlinson
Edwards, Con.	Mallery	Udree
Eustis	Marchand	Upham
Fay	Meech	Van Rensselaer,
Folger	Meigs	Walker
Foot	Monell	Wallace
Ford	Montgomery	Wendover
Fuller	R. Moore	Whitman
Gorham	S. Moore	Wood 90

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams

Mr. Culpepper

Mr. Reid

Allen, *Ten.*

Cuthbert

Rhea

Archer, *Va.*

Earle

Richards

Baldwin

Edwards, *Pen.*

Richmond

Ball

Edwards, *N. C.*

Ringgold

Barbour

Floyd

Robertson

Bayly

Forrest,

Ross

Blackledge

Gray

Shaw

Bloomfield

Hall, *N. C.*

Simkins

Boden

Hooks

Smith, *N. J.*

Brevard

Johnson

Smith, *Md.*

Brown

Jones, *Va.*

A. Smyth, *Va.*

Brush

Jones, *Ten.*

Smith, *N. C.*

Bryan

Lincoln

Swearingen

Buffum

Mercer

Terrell

Butler, *Lou.*

Metcalf

Tracy

Case

Morton

Trimble

Cobb

Nelson, *Va.*

Tucker, *Va.*

Cocke

Newton

Tucker, *S. C.*

Crafts

Parker, *Va.*

Tyler

Crawford

Pinckney

Williams, *Va.*

Crowell

Randolph

Williams, *N. C.*

Culbreth

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Mr. Sergeant, and Mr. Smith of Maryland, were then appointed tellers on the part of the House.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate, notifying them of the adoption of the foregoing resolutions, that tellers have been appointed on the part of this House, and that this House is now ready to receive them, and to proceed in opening the certificates and counting the votes of the electors of the several states in the choice of a President and Vice President of the United States, and that the Clerk go with the said message.

The Clerk accordingly went with the said message, and being returned, it was,

On motion of Mr. Clay,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to receive the President and members of the Senate at the door of this House, and to conduct the President of the Senate to the Speaker's chair, and the Senators to the seats assigned for their use.

Mr. Clay and Mr. Hill were appointed the said committee.

The Senate then attended and took seats in the House, as previously arranged; when,

The President of the Senate, in the presence of both Houses, proceeded to open the certificates of the electors of the several states, beginning with New Hampshire, and counted and registered the same to those of the state of Maine, inclusive; the President of the Senate opened a packet, which he presented to the tellers, as containing the votes of the electors of President and Vice President of the United States, of the state of Missouri; when,

Mr. Livermore, one of the Representatives of the state of New Hampshire, rose, and "objected to the counting of any votes given by Missouri for President and Vice President of the United States of America, *because Missouri is not a state in this Union.*" Whereupon,

On motion by a Senator,

The Senate withdrew to their Chamber.

Mr. Floyd then submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That Missouri is one of the states of this Union and her votes for President and Vice President of these United States ought to be received and counted.

Which being read:

Mr. Archer, of Maryland, moved that it be postponed indefinitely. When,

Mr. Clay moved that it lie on the table.

And the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate, to inform that body that the House is now ready to receive the Senate in the Chamber of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of continuing the enumeration of the votes of the electors for President and Vice President, according to the joint resolutions agreed upon between the two Houses, and that the Clerk go with the said message.

The Clerk accordingly went with the said message, and being returned:

The Senate again appeared, and took seats in the House, as before.

The President of the Senate, in the presence of both Houses, proceeded to open the certificate of the electors of the state of Missouri, which he delivered to the tellers, by whom it was read and who registered the same.

And the votes of all the states having been thus counted, registered, and the lists thereof compared, they were delivered to the President of the Senate, by whom they were read, as follow:

LIST of votes for President and Vice President of the United States; as counted in the presence of the two Houses of Congress, in the Chamber of the House of Representatives, on Wednesday, the 14th of February, 1821.

STATES.	FOR PRESIDENT.		FOR VICE PRESIDENT.				
	James Monroe, of Virginia.	John Quincy Adams, of Massachusetts.	Daniel D. Tompkins, of New York.	Richard Stockton, of New Jersey.	Robert Goodloe Harper, of Maryland.	Richard Rush, of Pennsylvania.	Daniel Rodney, of Delaware.
New Hampshire	7	1	7			1	
Massachusetts	15		7	8			
Rhode Island	4		4				
Connecticut	9		9				
Vermont	8		8				
New York	29		29				
New Jersey	8		8				
Pennsylvania	24		24				
Delaware	4						4
Maryland	11		10		1		
Virginia	25		25				
North Carolina	15		16				
South Carolina	11		11				
Georgia	8		8				
Kentucky	12		12				
Tennessee	7		7				
Ohio	8		8				
Louisiana	3		3				
Indiana	3		3				
Mississippi	2		2				
Illinois	3		3				
Alabama	3		3				
Maine	9		9				
Missouri	3		3				
	231	1	218	8	1	1	4

RECAPITULATION.

FOR PRESIDENT.		FOR VICE PRESIDENT.	
	Votes.		Votes.
James Monroe, of Virginia,	231	Daniel D. Tompkins, of New York,	218
John Quincy Adams, of Mass.	1	Richard Stockton, of New Jersey,	8
		Richard Rush, of Pennsylvania,	1
		Daniel Rodney, of Delaware	4
		Robert Goodloe Harper, of Maryland,	1

The President of the Senate then, in pursuance of the resolution adopted by the two Houses, announced the state of the votes to the two Houses of Congress, in joint meeting assembled, as follows:

"Were the votes of Missouri to be counted, the result would be: For James Monroe, of Virginia, for President of the United States, two hundred and thirty-one votes. If not counted, for James Monroe, of Virginia, two hundred and twenty-eight votes. For Daniel D. Tompkins, of New York, for Vice President of the United States, two hundred and eighteen votes: if not counted, for Daniel D. Tompkins, of New York, for Vice President of the United States, two hundred and fifteen votes. But, in either event, James Monroe, of Virginia, has a majority of the votes of the whole number of electors for President, and Daniel D. Tompkins, of New York, has a majority of the votes, of the whole number of electors, for Vice President of the United States."

"I therefore declare, that JAMES MONROE, of Virginia, is duly elected President of the United States, for four years, to commence on the fourth day of March, 1821; and that DANIEL D. TOMPKINS, of New York, is duly elected Vice President of the United States, for the like term of four years, to commence on the said fourth day of March, 1821."

The two Houses then separated, and the Senate returned to their Chamber; when,

Mr. Randolph submitted the following resolutions, viz.

1. Resolved, That the electoral votes of the state of Missouri have this day been counted, and do constitute a part of the majority of two hundred and thirty-one votes given for President, and of two hundred and eighteen votes given for Vice President.

2. Resolved, That the whole number of electors appointed, and of votes given for President and Vice President, has not been announced by the presiding officer of the Senate and House of Representatives, agreeably to the provision of the constitution of the United States, and that therefore the proceeding has been irregular and illegal.

A motion was then made, that the House do now adjourn;

And the question being taken thereon,

Passed in the affirmative,	{ Yeas 95
	{ Nays 50

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams

Allen, *Mass.*

Allen, *N. F.*

Anderson

Baker

Bateman

Beecher

Boden

Buffum

Cannon

Case

Mr. Clagett

Clark

Clay

Cook

Crafts

Culpepper

Cushman

Cuthbert

Dane

Darlington

Denison

Mr. Eddy

Edwards, *Con.*

Edwards, *Pen.*

Fay

Folger

Foot

Forrest

Fuller

Gorham

Gross, *N. F.*

Gross, *Pen.*

Mr. Guyen	Mr. Mallary	Mr. Rogers
Hackley	Marchand	Ross
Hall, <i>N. F.</i>	Meech	Russ
Hardin	Meigs	Sergeant
Hemphill	Menell	Silshoe
Hendricks	R. Moore	Sloan
Herrick	S. Moore	Stevens
Hibshman	Morton	Street
Hilt	Moseley	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Hobart	Murray	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>
Hooks	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Tomlinson
Hustetter	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Tompkins
Kendall	Patterson	Tracy
Kinsey	Phelps	Udree
Kinsley	Philson	Upham
Lathrop	Pitcher	Van Rensselaer
Lincoln	Plumer	Wallace
Livermore	Rankin	Wendover
Macley	Richards	Whitman
McCoy	Richmond	Weed95
McCallough	Robertson	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Alexander	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Nelson, Va.
Allon, <i>Tenn.</i>	Earle	Newton
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Pinckney
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Floyd	Randolph
Baldwin	Garnett	Reid
Barbour	Gray	Rhea
Bayly	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Ringgold
Bloomfield	Jackson	Shaw
Brevard	Johnson	Simkins
Brown	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Swearingen
Brush	Little	Trimble
Bryan	McCreary	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Campbell	McLean, <i>Kev.</i>	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Cobb	Mercer	Tyler
Cocke	Metcalf	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Crawford	T. L. Moore	Williams, <i>N. C.</i> 50
Culbreth	Neale	

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 15, 1821.

Mr. Southard presented a petition of John Hampton, an officer of the Revolutionary army, praying for an increase of the pension heretofore granted him; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Sergeant presented a petition of Catharine Gale, wife of Anthony Gale, late lieutenant colonel commandant of the marine corps,

stating, that, in consequence of mental derangement, her husband was dismissed from his command in September last, and is now a confirmed maniac, confined in the Pennsylvania hospital, and praying to be allowed a pension out of the navy pension fund, for the support of herself and the children of colonel Gale; which petition was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Bryan presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Tennessee, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from colonel Decius Wadsworth, of the Ordnance Department, explanatory of the circumstances attending the loans of powder, lead, &c., belonging to the United States, to private individuals, and which have been made the subject of inquiry in this House, as, also, containing a defence of his conduct in those transactions; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting reports, containing the information required by the resolution of the House of the 9th instant, in relation to the progress made in determining the sites and plans of fortifications, the sites selected, the expense of completing the several works, the number of troops necessary to garrison them in peace and in war, the progress made in erecting the fortifications, &c.; which letter was read, and so much of the subject as relates to the expenditures and appropriations, was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and the residue to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill to abolish certain ports of entry; to establish ports of delivery, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill further to establish the compensation of the officers employed in the collection of the duties on imports and tonnage.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill making appropriations for the naval service of the United States for the year 1821; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the purchasers of public lands prior to the first day of July, 1820," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill of this House, regulating the payment of debts due from the purchasers of public lands.

Mr. Bloomfield, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made a report on the petitions of the following named persons, viz: Benjamin West, Jonathan Dikeman, Ezra Reynolds, John Wood, Abel Partridge, Joshua Spear, Jonathan Deming, David Piper, Richard Talbot, William Ambason, John Post, Samuel Black, Solomon Sergeant, Eusebius Austin, Oliver Winslow, Joel Pratt, Joseph

Cheever, and Gassaway Watkins; which was read, and the resolution therein submitted was concurred in by the House as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their several petitions and accompanying documents.

Mr. Bloomfield, from the same committee, also made a report on the petitions of the following named persons, viz: Luke Johnson, George Richards, Oliver Comec, Jesse Meade, Hezekiah Baldwin, Israel Johnson, Robert Dunn, Benjamin Parker, John Cundiff, Ezekiel Canfield, Constant Chapman, John McLean, Paul Degarmo, Hezekiah Abbey, and Newcomb Blodget; which was read, and the resolution therein submitted was concurred in by the House as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of their petitions be not granted.

Mr. Bloomfield, from the same committee, also made a report on the petitions of Thomas Mackay, John Rumsey, William Cook Mary, White, Richard Fenwick, Asa Humphreys, and Eli Wood; which was read, and the resolution therein submitted was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the applicants have leave to withdraw their petitions and accompanying documents.

Mr. Bloomfield also made a report on the petition of John Polereczky; which was read, and the resolution therein submitted was concurred in by the House as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the said John Polereczky cannot be granted.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Gouverneur, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the 9th instant, approve and sign "An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office."

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Gouverneur also delivered in at the Speaker's table a message, in writing, from the President of the United States. And then withdrew.

Mr. Meigs submitted the following preamble and resolutions, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table, viz.

Whereas slavery, in the United States, is an evil, acknowledged to be of great and increasing magnitude, one which merits the greatest efforts of this nation to remedy; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of devoting five hundred millions acres of the public lands, next west of the Mississippi, as a fund for the purpose of, in the

First place; Employing a naval force, competent to the annihilation of the slave trade.

Secondly; The gradual emancipation of slaves, by a voluntary exchange of the lands for them; and,

Lastly; Colonizing such emancipated slaves in such way as may be conducive to their happiness, in their original country, Africa: Provided, That no such exchange of lands for slaves shall ever be suffer-

ed or allowed, except upon the perfectly ascertained consent of such slaves to be colonized in Africa: And provided, also, That, whenever such exchanges are, or shall be made, no separation of husband and wife, or parent and child, shall be permitted contrary to their well ascertained consent.

Mr. Clarke submitted for consideration the following joint resolution:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Missouri shall be admitted into this Union on an equal footing with the original states, in all respects whatsoever, on the first Monday in December next: Provided, That, previous to the said first Monday in December next, Missouri shall have expunged from her constitution the following clause, to wit: "*It shall be the duty of the legislature, as soon as may be, to pass laws to prevent free negroes and mulattoes from coming to or settling in this state, under any pretext whatever;*" and that, on said day, certified copies of said constitution, so amended, shall be delivered to the President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States.

The said resolution was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. McLean, of Kentucky, on the 3d instant.

Mr. Nelson, of Massachusetts, moved to amend the said resolution, by adding thereto the following: "And of the quantity of salt imported annually, and not re-exported with the benefit of drawback; also, the amount of duty annually collected on the same during the period aforesaid;" which amendment being negatived,

Mr. Nelson submitted the following amendment, to come in at the end of the resolution, viz: "And the quantity of salt annually imported into each state, and not re-exported with benefit of drawback; also, the amount of duty annually collected on the same in each state during the time aforesaid."

And, on the question to agree to the said amendment, It passed in the affirmative.

The resolution was then agreed to as amended, and is follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to communicate to this House a statement of the bounties and allowances paid to fishing vessels in each year, from the commencement of the government to the present time; and of the quantity of salt annually imported into each state, and not re-exported with benefit of drawback; also, the amount of duty annually collected on the same, in each state, during the time aforesaid.

Mr. Randolph moved that the House do now proceed to consider the resolutions submitted by him yesterday, immediately previous to the adjournment.

And, on the question, Will the House proceed to consider the said resolutions?

It was determined in the negative.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and directed him to report the bill, thereto committed on the 7th instant, to fix and equalize the pay of the officers of the army of the United States, with amendments.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 16, 1821.

Mr. Richards presented a petition of Jonathan Carley, and a petition of Jeremiah Tyler, respectively praying that the pensions granted them under the act of the 18th of March, 1818, and which have been discontinued under the act of the 1st May, 1820, may be renewed and continued to them; which petitions were referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Allen, of New York, presented a petition of Nathaniel Jones, praying compensation for a boat and its contents, taken into the service of the United States on lake Ontario, in the late war with Great Britain, and captured by the British forces; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Allen, of New York, also, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Chataugue, Niagara, Cataraugus, Genesee, and Alleghany, in that state, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Mr. Brevard presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the district of Chesterfield, in the state of South Carolina, praying for an alteration of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Denison presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Susquehannah, Bradford, Tioga, Potter, M'Kean, Clearfield, Centre, Mifflin, Union, Northumberland, Columbia, Luzerne, and Lycoming, in the state of Pennsylvania, a copy of the petitions heretofore presented from other inhabitants of said counties; which petition was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Neale presented a petition of Jesse Thomas, late a pensioner of the United States, and whose pension has been discontinued under the act of the 1st May, 1820, praying for the renewal of the said pension.

Mr. Rhea presented a petition of Isaac Hufham, praying for arrears of pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of Isaac De Young, William Stamford, and others, heirs of William Kinnard, deceased; of Frederick Raymer, Gideon Johnston, and Garret Putnam, which were read, and severally ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary

Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of Frederick Jackings, of Daniel Collins, and William Hilton, and of John Hampton, and that the two former be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, and the latter to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill to authorize the building of light houses on Cross and Pond Islands, in the harbor of Booth Bay, and at the mouth of Oswego river, and placing buoys on the Shoals of Nantucket and Vineyard Sound, near the harbor of Wickford, and on the Altamaha river, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second time and committed to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill making appropriations for the naval service of the United States for the year 1821.

Mr. Campbell, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made a report on the petition of the legal representatives of colonel John Girault, deceased, accompanied with a bill for their relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the consideration of the petition of William Gillon, and that it be referred to the Secretary of the Navy.

The message received yesterday, from the President of the United States, was read, and is as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit to Congress a report from the Director of the Mint, enclosing a statement of the Treasurer, submitting the operations of the Mint for the last year.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, February 14, 1821.

Ordered, That the said message lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole to the bill to fix and equalize the pay of the officers of the army of the United States; and the said amendments being read, were in part concurred in and in part disagreed to by the House.

Mr. Cannon moved further to amend the bill, by striking out these words, being the latter clause of the 4th section, viz: "*to a cadet, one hundred and forty-four dollars per annum, and two rations per day.*" And, also, to insert in the bill a new section, as the fifth, to wit:

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That all laws or parts of laws, allowing pay and rations to the cadets of the military academy, be, and the same are hereby, repealed, from and after the 1st day of May next, and that from and after the period aforesaid the cadets are released from any obligation they may be under to remain at said academy, or in the service of the United States.

And the question being taken to agree to the said amendment,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 27
Nays 116

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Gray	Mr. Philson
Allen, <i>Tenn.</i>	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Rhea
Baker	Hooks	Ross
Ball	Hostetter	Sawyer
Blackledge	Johnson	Strong, <i>Vi.</i>
Bryan	Kendall	Tarr
Cannon	McCreary	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Cocke	Metcalf	Walker
Earle	Patterson	Wallace.....27

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Mr. Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>
Alexander	Fay	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Floyd	Newton
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Foot	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Anderson	Ford	Parker, <i>Va.</i>
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Fuller	Phelps
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Garnett	Pinckney
Baldwin	Gorham	Pitcher
Barbour	Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Plumer
Bateman	Guyon	Rankin
Bayly	Hackley	Rich
Beecher	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Richards
Bloomfield	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Richmond
Boden	Hemphill	Ringguld
Brevard	Herrick	Robertson
Brush	Hibshman	Rogers
Buffum	Hill	Russ
Butler, <i>Lex.</i>	Jackson	Sergeant
Campbell	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Shaw
Case	Kinsey	Silsbee
Clagett	Kinsley	Simkins
Clark	Lathrop	Sloan
Cobb	Lincoln	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Cooke	Little	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Crafts	Livermore	Stevens
Crawford	Maclay	Street
Crowell	McCoy	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Culbreth	McCullough	Swearingen
Culpepper	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Tomlinson
Cushman	Mallary	Tracy
Cuthbert	Marchand	Tyler
Dane	Meigs	Udree
Darlington	Montgomery	Van Rensselaer
Davidson	R. Moore	Warfield
Denison	S. Moore	Wendover
Dewitt	T. L. Moore	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Dickinson	Morton	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Murray	Wood.....116
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Nagle	

Mr. Foot moved further to amend the said bill by adding to the 4th section thereof the following proviso: "Provided that no appointment of cadets in said academy shall be made until the number shall be reduced to one hundred: and from and after that period the number of cadets in the military academy at West Point shall not exceed one hundred. *And provided further*, That each cadet shall be liable to serve in the army, at least five years, unless dismissed the service for misconduct."

And the question being taken to agree to the said proviso, It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, moved to amend the bill by inserting therein the following section as the fifth:

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the number of cadets in the military academy shall not, after the first day of May next, exceed one hundred; and that the supernumerary cadets shall be discharged from service, in such manner as the Secretary of War shall determine.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was also determined in the negative.

Mr. Cannon then moved to amend the said bill, by inserting therein the following section, as the fifth, viz:

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That no cadet now in said institution, or hereafter admitted, shall be entitled to the pay and rations allowed by law, unless it shall be made appear, to the satisfaction of the Secretary of War, that the parents of the cadet are unable to pay for his support while there.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was also determined in the negative.

The bill being further amended,

Mr. Cannon moved to amend the 4th section thereof, by striking out the word *two*, contained in the 12th line of that section, and, in lieu thereof, inserting the word *one*, so as to reduce the cadets to one ration per day each; which motion being negatived, it was,

On motion of Mr. Nelson, of Virginia,

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, then announced the death of William A. Burwell, a member of this House from that state: whereupon

Resolved, unanimously, That a committee be appointed to take order for superintending the funeral of William A. Burwell, deceased, late a Representative from the state of Virginia; and

Mr. Nelson, Mr. Randolph, Mr. Newton, Mr. M'Coy, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Tyler, and Mr. Alexander Smyth were appointed the said committee.

Resolved, unanimously, That the members of this House will testify their respect for the memory of William A. Burwell, late one of their body, by wearing crape on the left arm for the remainder of the session.

Resolved, unanimously, That the members will attend the funeral of the late William A. Burwell, to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate to notify them of the death of William A. Burwell, late a member of this House, and that his funeral will take place to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Mr. Nelson informed the House that it was the wish of the deceased to be interred in the city of Baltimore, and that the attendance of the members on the funeral would not be required beyond the lines of the city.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, of Virginia,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 17, 1821.

The House met, and, together with the Senate, attended the funeral of the late William A. Burwell, in the manner recommended by the Committee of Arrangements appointed for that purpose; and having returned to their Chamber,

The House adjourned until Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

MONDAY, February 19, 1821.

Ordered, That Mr. Pinckney have leave of absence from the service of this House from to-morrow, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Hobart presented a petition of Ephraim Sturtevant, son and heir of Silas Sturtevant, deceased, a soldier in the Revolutionary army, praying to be paid the balance of pay due for the services of his father in the capacity aforesaid; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Clay presented sundry documents in support of the petition of James Morrison, in relation to his advances to Col. Buford; which were referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Hendricks presented a memorial of the members of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, in behalf of the citizens of the counties of Knox, Daviess, Pike, and Gibson, praying that an act may be passed authorizing all persons who may be the owner or owners of any tract or tracts of land in said counties, including the bed of White river, or any part thereof, upon filing in the Register's Office at Vincennes a relinquishment of his other right to the bed of said river, to locate the number of acres so relinquished in any part of the lands set apart to satisfy certain land claims in said state; which memorial was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Hill presented a memorial of James Cavanagh and Matthew Cottrill, of the state of Maine, praying for the interposition of the government of the United States, in procuring payment of a claim against the government of France therein described and set forth; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The Speaker presented a petition of Thomas Flower, of the state of Ohio, praying for the confirmation of an ancient Indian purchase in said state, or a grant of other lands to be made to him, his chil-

dren and grand children; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

The Speaker also presented a petition of Nathan Cromwell, Isaac Bowles, David Hager, John Kennedy, Thomas Ingraham, Jesse Kennedy, David Skinner, David Hefner, and others, praying that provision may be made for opening a water communication from Lake Michigan to the Mississippi, through the river Illinois; which petition was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, on the petition of James Morrison; which report was read and referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the governor of Pennsylvania, enclosing the returns of the election of persons to represent that state in this House during the seventeenth Congress; which letter and returns were ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of the precise amount of the special deposits to the credit of the Treasury of the United States, rendered in obedience to a resolution of this House of the 16th of January last; which letter and statement were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill to prevent abuses in public contracts; which was read the first and second time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Skelton Felton; which was read, and the resolution submitted was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition and documents.

Mr. Baldwin submitted to the House an amendment which he intends to propose to the bill to regulate the duties on imports and for other purposes, when the same shall come under the consideration of the House; which amendment was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Clay, from the committee appointed to present to the President of the United States the resolution adopted by this House on the 10th instant, in relation to the contest now carrying on between Spain and her South American colonies,

Reported, That the committee had according to order presented the resolution to the President; that the President assured the committee that, in common with the people of the United States and the House of Representatives, he felt great interest in the success of the provinces of Spanish America which are struggling to establish their freedom and independence; and that he would take the resolution into deliberate consideration, with the most perfect respect for the distinguished body from which it had emanated.

On motion of Mr. Clay,

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision by law for the reimbursement to the Planters Bank of New Orleans, of certain advances made by it upon Pay Bells of the Army.

Mr. Clay accompanied the above resolution with sundry documents in support of the claim of the said bank; which were referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill to fix and equalize the pay of the officers in the army of the United States; when,

Mr. Case moved further to amend the said bill, by striking out the 4th section thereof, and inserting the following sections in its stead, viz:

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That there be paid to the superintendent of the military academy, one thousand eight hundred dollars per annum; to the professor of natural and experimental philosophy, one thousand six hundred dollars; to his assistant, nine hundred and fifty dollars; to the professor of mathematics, one thousand six hundred dollars; to his assistant, nine hundred and fifty dollars; to the professor of engineering and military tactics, one thousand six hundred dollars; to his assistant, nine hundred and fifty dollars; to the chaplain and professor of geography, history, and ethics, one thousand six hundred dollars; to the teacher of the French language, nine hundred and fifty dollars; to the teacher of drawing, nine hundred and fifty dollars; to the master of the sword, five hundred dollars; to each cadet, one hundred and forty-four dollars and two rations: Provided, always, That whenever the place of residence of a cadet shall be at a greater distance than one hundred miles from said academy, he shall be allowed at the rate of twelve cents and an half per mile for his travelling expenses in going to, and returning from, said academy; first deducting from the distance travelled one hundred miles, and allowing for no more than once going and returning.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That no more cadets shall be admitted in said Academy until the number shall be reduced by the annual graduation to one hundred and ninety, and that after that period no greater number of cadets shall be educated at the same time in said academy.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That in selecting the cadets for said academy, one shall be taken from each Congressional district, one from the District of Columbia and one from each territory, provided that application be made to the Secretary of War from the respective districts before the time for filling the vacancies has arrived, and in case there should be no application from any one or more districts, it shall be lawful for the Secretary of War to select a cadet or cadets from the other districts from which applications for admission in said academy have been made, until the whole number of cadets shall amount to one hundred and ninety.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That other persons than cadets, of a suitable age (not exceeding in number one hundred,) who may be desirous of being instructed in said academy, shall be permitted so to be, on making application to the Secretary of War for that purpose: Provided, That they conform in all things to the rules and regulations of said institution, and submit to the discipline of said academy, in all respects as if they were cadets, and support themselves at their own expense during the term of their education.

Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That the superintendent and each of the professors of said academy shall be permitted to reside, during the time he shall be employed as aforesaid, in said academy, in such one of the public buildings as the Secretary of War may designate, rent free.

Mr. Cannon moved to amend the first section of the amendment by striking out *and two rations*; which being negatived,

The question was taken to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Case,

And determined in the negative.

Mr. Johnson moved further to amend the said bill, as follows: After the word *army* in the 4th line of the 1st section of the printed bill, insert *hereinafter designated*, and strike out from the end of the 5th line of the same section, to the word *to*, in the 1st line of the 4th section, with the exception of these words: *to the judge advocate 750 dollars*.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was also determined in the negative.

Mr. Cannon then moved further to amend the 4th section of the said bill, by striking out one hundred and forty-four dollars, as the annual compensation of a cadet, and inserting *ninety-six dollars*: which motion was also negatived.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of purchasers of public lands, prior to the 1st July, 1820; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Allen, of New York, reported that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, of Virginia,

Resolved, That the Speaker of this House be requested to inform the Executive of the state of Virginia of the death of William A. Burwell, late one of the Representatives from said state.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, moved that the several orders of the day which precede the bill making appropriations for the naval service of the United States for the year 1821, be postponed; which motion was negatived by the House.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Fuller reported that the committee had, according to order, the state of the Union under consideration, and came to no resolution thereon.

Mr. Livermore moved that the committee of the whole on the state of the Union to whom has been committed the bill to reduce the salaries and fix the maximum of the compensation of certain officers and other persons employed in the civil department of the government.

be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it lie on the table.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting a transcript of the lists of passengers taken on board ships and vessels in foreign places which arrived in the United States in one year ending on the 30th September, 1820, so far as the same have been returned to the Department of State, in pursuance of the 5th section of the act of the 2d of March, 1819, "regulating passenger ships, and vessels;" which letter and transcript were ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 20, 1821.

Mr. Morton presented a memorial of Joseph E. Read, on behalf of himself and the other owners of the schooner *Minerva*, stating that while their schooner was prosecuting a lawful voyage from St. Jago de Cuba to Philadelphia, she was captured by a Venezuelan cruizer, under the command of admiral Brion, and that such was the arbitrary, illegal, and shameful conduct of the judicial officers of that government, that the commander of said schooner was compelled to abandon her, together with her cargo, and praying redress for their wrongs and injuries, from the government of the United States; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Moseley presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Litchfield, in the state of Connecticut, and of the county of Dutchess, in the state of New York, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Guyon presented a petition of Garret Fountain, praying compensation for the use of a storehouse, situated on Long Island, in the state of New York, occupied by the United States for military purposes; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Kent presented a memorial of Joseph Pearson, Thomas Law, and Daniel Carroll of Duddington, proprietors of a large amount of real property in the City of Washington, complaining of the conduct of the corporate authorities in the said city, and of the exorbitant amount of taxes levied and collected by them, and praying that further provisions may be enacted by Congress upon the subject of the imposition and collection of taxes in said city; which petition was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Cannon presented a petition of George Boothe, praying for a grant of the bounty in land to which he is entitled for his services as a soldier in the Virginia line of the Revolutionary army; which petition was referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Sloan presented a petition of William Bierce, praying that the pension granted him under the act of the 16th of March, 1818,

and which has been discontinued under the act of the 1st of May, 1820, may be renewed, and continued to him.

Mr. Beecher presented a petition of Joseph Atset, a non-commissioned officer in the Revolutionary army, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Beecher also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants residing in the vicinity of Fort Meigs, in the state of Ohio; on behalf of James Thompson and Isaac Richardson, praying that further time may be allowed to the said Thompson and Richardson to complete their payments for lands purchased of the United States, for reasons set forth in the petition.

Mr. Beecher also presented a petition of the said James Thompson, praying for the indulgence specified in the foregoing petition.

Mr. Beecher also presented a petition of Jacob Schultz, praying permission to change his entry of a tract of land purchased of the United States, having, through ignorance, entered a tract different and distant from that which he intended to have entered, and which he believed, for upwards of two years, he had entered.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Butler, of Louisiana, presented a deposition of William Boswell in support of the claim of Thomas Shields for compensation for prisoners captured by him in the late war with Great Britain; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce, reported a bill for the relief of Nathaniel Carver and others; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill for the relief of William Bartlett and John Stearns and others.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill further to amend the several acts relative to the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments; which was read the first and second time and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of George McIntosh, and of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Chautauque, Niagara, and Genessee, in the state of New York, presented on the 16th instant, and of sundry inhabitants of the state of Tennessee, presented on the 15th instant, and that leave be given to withdraw the former, and that the two latter lie on the table.

Mr. Forrest presented sundry documents in relation to the loans of gunpowder and other munitions of war, from the public magazines, to private individuals; which were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Forrest also presented a letter addressed to him by lieutenant colonel Bomford, explanatory of his conduct as connected with the loans of powder, &c. aforesaid; which was also ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Fuller, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made a report

on the petition of James Warren; which was read, and the resolution therein submitted was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

Mr. Fuller, from the same committee, to which has been referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel Tucker, late a captain in the navy of the United States," reported the same with an amendment, which was read: When,

Mr. Metcalf moved, that the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole House, which being negatived,

Mr. Cobb moved that the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 66
Nays 79

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Edwards, N. C.	Mr. T. L. Moore
Alexander,	Fisher	Parker, Va.
Allen, Tenn.	Foot	Patterson
Archer, Md.	Garnett	Philson
Archer, Va.	Gray	Plumer
Baker	Gross, N. Y.	Rhea
Bull	Hall, N. Y.	Rich
Barbour	Hall, N. C.	Richards
Beecher	Hardin	Richmond
Boten	Hibshman	Ross
Bryan	Hooks	Shaw
Buffum	Hostetter	Southard
Cannon	Jackson	Stevens
Clagett	Johnson	Tarr
Cobb	Jones, Va.	Terrell
Cocke	Kent	Tompkins
Crafts	Kinsey	Tucker, S. C.
Culbreth	McCoy	Tyler
Cuthbert	McLean, Ky.	Wendover
Dewitt	Marchand	Williams, Va.
Earle	Metcalf	Williams, N. C.
Eddy	R. Moore	Wood 66

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Clark	Mr. Denison
Allen, Mass.	Clay	Dickinson
Allen, N. Y.	Cook	Fay
Baldwin	Crowell	Folger
Bateman	Culpepper	Ford
Bayly	Cushman	Forrest
Brush	Dane	Fuller
Butler, Lou.	Darlington	Gorham
Case	Davidson	Gross, Penn.

Mr. Guyon	Mr. Monell	Mr. Simkins
Hackley	S. Moore	Sloan
Hemphill	Morton	Smith, M. J.
Hendricks	Moseley	Smith, Md.
Hill	Murray	A. Smyth, Va.
Hobart	Neale	Street
Jones, Tenn.	Nelson, Mass.	Strong, Va.
Kendall	Nelson, Va.	Swearingen
Kinsley	Newton	Tomlinson
Lathrop	Parker, Mass.	Tracy
Lincoln	Phelps	Tucker, Va.
Little	Pitcher	Udree
Macclay	Reid	Van Rensselaer
McCreary	Ringgold	Walker
McCullough	Robertson	Wallace
Mallary	Rogers	Whitman79
Meech	Russ	
Mercer	Silsbee	

The question was taken to concur with the Committee on Naval Affairs in their amendment to the said bill,
And passed in the affirmative.

The question was then put, Shall the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time?

And determined in the negative.

And so the said bill was rejected.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States," in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to fix and equalize the pay of the officers of the army of the United States," was read the third time.

And on the question, Shall the said bill pass?

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas 106
Nays 39

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Bayly	Mr. Culbreth
Alexander	Beecher	Culpepper
Allen, Tenn.	Boden	Cushman
Anderson	Bryan	Cuthbert
Archer, Md.	Buffum	Dane
Archer, Va.	Campbell	Denison
Baker	Cannon	Earle
Ball	Cobb	Eddy
Barbour	Cocke	Edwards, M. C.
Bateman	Crafts	Fay

Mr. Fisher	Mr. McCoy	Mr. Rogers
Floyd	McCreary	Ross
Foot	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Russ
Forrest	Mallary	Shaw
Fuller	Marchand	Silsbee
Garnett	Meigs	Sloan
Gray	Metcalf	Southard
Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Monell	Stevens
Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Montgomery	Strong, <i>Vi.</i>
Guyon	R. Moore	Tarr
Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	T. L. Moore	Terrell
Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Morton	Tomlinson
Hardin	Moseley	Tompkins
Hendricks	Murray	Tracy
Herrick	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Hibshman	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Hill	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Tyler
Hobart	Patterson	Upham
Hooks	Phelps	Van Rensselaer
Hostetter	Philson,	Walker
Jackson	Plumer	Wendover
Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Rhea	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Kinsley	Rich	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Lathrop	Richards	Wood.....106
Lincoln	Richmond	
Maclay	Robertson	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Folger	Mr. Pinckney.
Allen, <i>N. F.</i>	Ford	Pitcher
Baldwin	Hackley	Reid
Brush	Johnson	Ringgold
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Sergeant
Case	Kent	Simkins
Clark	Little	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Cook	Livermore	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Crowell	Mercer	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Darlington	S. Moore	Street
Davidson	Neale	Swearingen
Dewitt	Newton	Udree
Dickinson	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Wallace.....39

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole on the state of the Union be discharged from the further consideration of the bill to reduce the salaries and fix the maximum of the compensation of certain officers and other persons employed in the civil department of the government.

Mr. Crowell then moved, that the said bill lie on the table; which being negatived,

The House then proceeded to consider the said bill: When,

Mr. Silsbee moved to amend the same by adding *five hundred dollars* per annum to the salary of each of the Commissioners of the Navy Board; which motion was negatived.

Mr. Wood moved to strike out of the first section of the bill these words: to the Commissioner of the Public Buildings, one thousand five hundred dollars.

And the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Robertson moved to insert, after the word *dollars*, in the 22d line of the first section of the printed bill, these words: "*To the Secretary of the Senate, three thousand dollars; to the Clerk of the House of Representatives, three thousand dollars.*"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Silsbee moved so to amend that part of the first section of the bill which relates to the salaries of the Naval Constructors, to read thus: "*To the first Naval Constructor, two thousand three hundred dollars, and to each of the other Naval Constructors, two thousand dollars;*" which being negatived,

Mr. Sergeant moved to strike out from the 1st section of the bill these words: "*To the Librarian, one thousand dollars;*" which motion was also negatived.

Mr. Cocke moved to amend the first section of the bill by adding five hundred dollars to the salary of the First Comptroller of the Treasury.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, then moved to amend the bill by inserting after the word *designated*, in the fifth line of the second section of the printed bill, these words: *whose compensation exceeds eight hundred dollars per annum*, so as to confine the reduction of twenty per cent therein provided to such salaries as exceed eight hundred dollars per annum.

Mr. Warfield moved to amend the amendment by striking out eight hundred dollars, and inserting *one thousand two hundred dollars*; which motion was negatived.

Mr. Nelson then modified his amendment, which was agreed to as follows: *Provided, nevertheless, that no salary now established by law at or under eight hundred dollars per annum shall be reduced: And provided, further, that no salary now established by law at a sum above eight hundred dollars per annum shall be reduced below that sum.*

The said bill was then further amended: When,

Mr. Campbell moved further to amend the same by inserting the following sections, to come in after the first section thereof, viz:

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted; That at every session of Congress, and every meeting of the Senate in the recess of Congress, each Senator shall be entitled to receive six dollars for every day he shall attend the Senate, and shall also be allowed six dollars for every twenty miles of the estimated distance by the most usual road from*

his place of residence to the seat of Congress at the commencement and end of every such session and meeting, and in case any member of the Senate shall be detained by sickness on his journey to or from such session or meeting, or after his arrival shall be unable to attend the Senate, he shall be entitled to the same daily allowance; and the President of the Senate pro tempore, when the Vice President shall be absent, or when his office shall be vacant, shall, during the period of his services, receive, in addition to his compensation as a member of the Senate, six dollars for every day he shall attend the Senate: Provided, that no Senator shall be allowed a sum exceeding the rate of six dollars a day from the end of one such session or meeting, to the time of his taking a seat in another.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That at every session of Congress, each representative and delegate shall be entitled to receive six dollars for every day he shall attend the House of Representatives, and shall also be allowed six dollars for every twenty miles of the estimated distance by the most usual road from his place of residence to the seat of Congress, at the commencement and end of every such session, and in case any representative or delegate shall be detained by sickness on his journey to or from the session of Congress, or after his arrival shall be unable to attend the House of Representatives, he shall be entitled to the same daily allowance, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be entitled to receive, in addition to his compensation as a representative, six dollars for every day he shall attend the House: Provided, always, that no representative or delegate shall be allowed a sum exceeding the rate of six dollars a day from the end of one session to the time of his taking his seat in another.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the said compensation which shall be due to the members of the Senate shall be certified by the President thereof; and that which shall be due to the representatives and delegates, shall be certified by the Speaker, and the same shall be passed as public accounts, and paid out of the public Treasury.

The said amendment was read.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 21, 1821.

Ordered, That Mr. McLane, of Delaware, have leave of absence from the service of this House, from this day, for the remainder of the session.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States,'" and a resolution proposing the appointment of a joint committee to wait upon the President of the United States, and inform him of his re-election to that office, and have ap-

pointed a committee on their part; in which bill and resolution they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Brown submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the eighth section of the act of Congress, approved March 6th, 1820, entitled "An act to authorize the people of the Missouri territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states, and to prohibit slavery in certain territories,"—said eighth section imposing a prohibition and restriction upon the introduction of slaves, in all that territory ceded by France to the United States, under the name of Louisiana, which lies north of 36° 30' north latitude, not included in the state contemplated by that act.

Which being read, and the question taken, Will the House now proceed to the consideration thereof?

It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made on the 8th instant, in the case of James Morrison, concerning his advances to Colonel Buford, together with the additional documents presented by him on the 19th instant, be recommitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instructions to report thereon to the House of Representatives at the next session of Congress.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from William Thornton, remonstrating against any reduction of his salary as Superintendent of the Patent Office, and that of his clerk; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, communicating the information required by the resolution of the 15th instant, on the subject of bounties and allowances paid to fishing vessels, and the quantity of salt imported, and not re-exported with benefit of drawback, and amount of duties thereon; which letter and statement were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House another letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, exhibiting an abstract of the official emoluments and expenditures, for the year 1820, of those officers of the customs who have rendered the statement required by the second section of the act 2d March, 1799; which letter and statement were ordered to lie on the table.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States,'" was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Sergeant, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

Mr. Sergeant, from the same committee, reported a joint resolution providing for jails, in certain cases, for the safe custody of persons imprisoned under the authority of the United States, which resolution was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Allen, of Massachusetts, moved that the House do reconsider the vote taken yesterday on the question, Shall the amendment, (reported by the Committee on Naval Affairs) to the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel Tucker, late a captain in the navy of the United States," be engrossed, and the bill read a third time?

And, the question being taken, Will the House reconsider the said vote?

It passed in the affirmative.

The question was then again taken, Shall the said amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time?

When there appeared { Yeas 70
Nays 70

The yeas and nays, as required by one-fifth of the members present, are as follow:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams
Allen, *Mass.*
Allen, *N. F.*
Baldwin
Bateman
Bayly
Beecher
Brush
Campbell
Case
Clark
Clay
Crowell
Culpepper
Cushman
Dane
Darlington
Denison
Edwards, *Pca.*
Eustis
Fay
Folger
Ford
Forrest

Mr. Fuller
Gorham
Guyon
Hackley
Hemphill
Hendricks
Herrick
Hill
Hobart
Kendall
Kinsey
Kinsley
Lathrop
Lincoln
Maclay
McCreary
McCullough
Mallary
Meech
Meigs
Mercer
Monell
S. Moore
Moseley

Mr. Murray
Neale
Nelson, *Va.*
Newton
Parker, *Mass.*
Pinckney
Pitcher
Reid
Rogers
Russ
Silsbee
Simkins
Sloan
Smith, *N. J.*
Street
Strong, *Vt.*
Swearingen
Tucker, *Va.*
Udree
Walker
Wallace
Whitman.....70

YAYS.

Mr. Alexander	Mr. Foot	Mr. Rich
Allen, <i>Tenn.</i>	Garnett	Richards
Anderson	Gray	Richmond
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Robertson
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Ross
Baker	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Shaw
Ball	Hardin	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Barbour	Hooks	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Blackledge	Hostetter	Southard
Boden	Jackson	Stevens
Bryan	Johnson	Storrs
Buffum	Kent	Tarr
Cannon	Livermore	Terrell
Clagett	McCoy	Tomlinson
Cobb	McLean, <i>Kan.</i>	Tompkins
Cocke	Marchand	Tracy
Crafts	Metcalf	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Culbreth	R. Moore	Tyler
Cuthbert	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Wendover
Dewitt	Patterson	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Earle	Phelps	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Eddy	Philson	Wood.....70
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Plumer	
Floyd	Rhea	

The House being equally divided, the Speaker voted with the yeas, and so the question passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Wood, from the Committee on the Public Buildings, who were instructed to inquire into the practicability of more effectually ventilating the Hall of the House of Representatives, made a report thereon; which was read, and the resolution therein submitted was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the commissioner and the architect of the public buildings be instructed to take measures more effectually to ventilate the Hall of the House of Representatives by the next session of Congress, either by tubes communicating with apertures in the body of the Hall, or in such other way as may, on further inquiry, be deemed more advisable.

On motion of Mr. Storrs,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, jointly with such committee as may be appointed by the Senate, to inquire and report what subjects before the two Houses are proper to be acted on during the present session of Congress.

Mr. Storrs, Mr. Sergeant, and Mr. Barbour, were appointed the committee on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry the said resolution to the Senate, and request their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cptts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act further to establish the compensation of the officers employed in the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes;" in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The resolution from the Senate for the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him of his re-election to the office of President of the United States, was read, and agreed to by the House; and,

Mr. Smith of Maryland, and Mr. Eustis, were appointed of the committee on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill to reduce the salaries, and fix the maximum of the compensation of certain officers and other persons employed in the civil department of the government; and the question recurred on the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Campbell, and depending yesterday. Whereupon,

Mr. Campbell withdrew his said amendment, and, in lieu thereof, proposed the following, to come in after the enacting clause of the second section, viz: "*That the compensation now allowed to the members of the Senate, and members and delegates of the House of Representatives, and to the President of the Senate, pro tempore, and Speaker of the House of Representatives, shall be reduced 25 per cent. and*"

Which being read, and the question stated thereon,

Mr. Anderson moved that the said bill be postponed indefinitely; And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 49
Nays 107

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Folger	Mr. Parker, Va.
Alexander	Ford	Pinckney
Allen, Mass.	Fuller	Rankin
Anderson	Gorham	Reid
Baldwin	Hackley	Ringgold
Bayly	Jones, Ten.	Robertson
Brevard	Kinsley	Sergeant
Brush	Lathrop	Simkins
Butler, Lou.	Little	Smith, N. J.
Clay	McCullough	Smith, Md.
Crafts	McLean, Ken.	Smith, N. C.
Crowell	Meech	Street
Cushman	Montgomery	Trimble
Cuthbert	S. Moore	Upham
Dickinson	Moseley	Wallace.....49
Edwards, Pen.	Neale	
Fisher	Newton	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Gross, <i>Pca.</i>	Mr. Patterson
Allen, <i>N. F.</i>	Guyon	Phelps
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Hall, <i>N. F.</i>	Philson
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>	Pitcher
Baker	Hardin	Plumer
Ball	Hemphill	Randolph
Barbour	Hendricks	Rhea
Bateman	Herrick	Rich
Beecher	Hibshman	Richards
Boden	Hill	Richmond
Bryan	Hobart	Rogers
Buffum	Hooks	Ross
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Hostetter	Russ
Campbell	Jackson	Sawyer
Cannon	Johnson	Shaw
Case	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Sloan
Clagett	Kent	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Cobb	Kinsey	Southard
Cocke	Lincoln	Stevens
Culbreth	Livermore	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Culpepper	Maclay	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>
Dane	McCoy	Swearingen
Darlington	McCreary	Tarr
Davidson	Mallary	Tomlinson
Denison	Marchand	Tompkins
Dewitt	Meigs	Tracy
Earle	Mercer	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Eddy	Metcalf	Tyler
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Monell	Udree
Fay	R. Moore	Walker
Floyd	T. L. Moore	Warfield
Foot	Morton	Wendover
Forrest	Murray	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Garnett	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Gray	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Wood.....107
Gross, <i>N. F.</i>	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	

The question then recurred on the amendment moved by Mr. Campbell. When,

Mr. Archer moved to substitute, in lieu of that amendment, the following: "That an act of Congress, passed on the 22d day of January, 1818, entitled 'An act allowing compensation to the members of the Senate, members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to the delegates from territories, and repealing all the laws on that subject,' shall, from and after the third day of March next, be repealed."

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The question then again recurred on Mr. Campbell's amendment. When,

Mr. Rhea moved to amend the same, by inserting after the words *per cent.* these words: *from and after the first day of August, 1820.*

Mr. Clay then moved that the said bill lie on the table.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 22, 1821.

Mr. M'Coy presented a petition of sundry citizens of the counties of Augusta and Rockbridge, in the state of Virginia, praying the establishment of a post route; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Trimble presented a petition of Nathaniel Patten, postmaster, at Franklin, in Missouri, stating that he has been robbed of public money to the amount of \$800, his inability to replace the same, and praying that it may be remitted, or such other relief as may appear just and reasonable; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Hendricks presented the petition of William Jones, of Indiana, praying a donation, or long lease, of a portion of the public lands in Clark county, in that state, usually denominated "The Knobs," to be used for the purpose of raising sheep; which was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Ordered, That Laurente Bazadone have leave to withdraw his petition and documents heretofore presented to this House.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, of Virginia.

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Charlottesville, in Albemarle county, through Warren, in the same county, to Buckingham court house.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act further to establish the compensation of the officers employed in the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes," was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

An engrossed resolution providing for jails, in certain cases, for the safe custody of persons committed under the authority of the United States, was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the same to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel Tucker, late a captain in the Navy of the United States;" was read the third time as amended.

And, on the question, Shall it pass?

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas 77
Nays 75

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams

Allen, *Mass.*

Allen, *N. F.*

Baldwin

Bateman

Bayly

Beecher

Bloomfield

Brush

Butler, *Lou.*

Campbell

Case

Clark

Clay

Crawford

Crowell

Cushman

Dane

Darlington

Denison

Dickinson

Edwards, *Pen.*

Eustis

Fay

Folger

Ford

Mr. Forrest

Fuller

Gorham

Gross, *N. F.*

Hackley

Hemphill

Hendricks

Herrick

Hill

Hobart

Jones, *Tenn.*

Kinsey

Kinsley

Lathrop

Lincoln

Maclay

McCreary

McCullough

Mallary

Meech

Meigs

Mercer

Monell

Montgomery

S. Moore

Morton

Mr. Moseley

Murray

Neale

Nelson, *Va.*

Newton

Parker, *Mass.*

Pinckney

Pitcher

Reid

Ringgold

Rogers

Russ

Sergeant

Silsbee

Simkins

Sloan

Smith, *Md.*

Street

Strong, *Vt.*

Strong, *N. F.*

Udree

Van Rensselaer

Walker

Wallace

Whitman.....77

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot

Alexander

Allen, *Tenn.*

Anderson

Archer, *Md.*

Archer, *Va.*

Baker

Ball

Barbour

Blackledge

Boden

Brevard

Brown

Bryan

Buffum

Cannon

Clagett

Cobb

Cocke

Crafts

Mr. Cuthbert

Davidson

Dewitt

Earle

Eddy

Edwards, *N. C.*

Floyd

Foot

Garnett

Gray

Gross, *Pen.*

Hall, *N. Y.*

Hardin

Hibshman

Hooks

Hostetter

Jackson

Johnson

Jones, *Va.*

Kent

Mr. Little

Livermore

McCoy

McLean, *Ken.*

Marchand

Metcalf

R. Moore

T. L. Moore

Parker, *Va.*

Patterson

Plumer

Randolph

Rhea

Rich

Richards

Robertson

Ross

Shaw

A. Smyth, *Va.*

Smith, *N. C.*

Southard
Stevens
Swearingen
Terrell
Tomlinson

Tracy
Trimble
Tucker, *Va.*
Tucker, *S. C.*
Tyler

Upham
Wendever
Williams, *Va.*
Williams, *N. C.*
Wood.....75

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith, and request their concurrence in the amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cocke,

Resolved, That this House will, at 12 o'clock on Monday next, proceed to ballot for a printer to execute its work during the next Congress, according to the provisions of the "resolution directing the manner in which the printing of Congress shall be executed, fixing the prices thereof, and providing for the appointment of a printer, or printers," passed on the 3d day of March, 1819.

Mr. Clay moved that the House do come to the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed on the part of this House, jointly with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to consider and report to the Senate and to the House, respectively, whether it be expedient, or not, to make provision for the admission of Missouri into the Union, on the same footing as the original states, and for the due execution of the laws of the United States within Missouri, and if not, whether any other, and what, provision adapted to her actual condition ought to be made by law.

Which being read,

Mr. Floyd moved to amend the same by striking out these words, viz: "*and if not, whether any other and what provision adapted to her actual condition ought to be made by law.*"

And the question being taken so to amend,

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken to agree to the resolution.

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas 101
Nays 55

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot

Allen, *Ten.*

Anderson

Archer, *Md.*

Archer, *Va.*

Baker

Baldwin

Ball

Bateman

Beecher

Blackledge

Bloomfield

Mr. Brevard

Brown

Brush

Bryan

Campbell

Cannon

Clark

Clay

Cobb

Cocke

Crafts

Crowell

Mr. Culpepper

Cushman

Cuthbert

Dane

Darlington

Davidson

Dickinson

Earle

Eddy

Eustis

Fisher

Folger

Mr. Ford	Mr. Meigs	Mr. Simkins
Fuller	Mercer	Sloan
Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Metcalf	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Montgomery	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Guyon	R. Moore	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Hackley	S. Moore	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Hardin	T. L. Moore	Southard
Hendricks	Merton	Stevens
Hill	Murray	Storrs
Hobart	Neale	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Hooks	Newton	Swearingen
Jackson	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Terrell
Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Pinckney	Trimble
Kent	Pitcher	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Kinsey	Plumer	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Little	Rankin	Tyler
Livermore	Reid	Udree
McCoy	Rhea	Upham
McCreary	Ringgold	Walker
McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Robertson	Wendover
Mallary	Rogers	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Meech	Ross	

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Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Gorham	Mr. Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>
Alexander	Gray	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Parker, <i>Va.</i>
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Hemphill	Patterson
Bayly	Herrick	Randolph
Boden	Hibshman	Rich
Buffum	Hostetter	Richards
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Johnson	Russ
Case	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Sergeant
Clagett	Kendall	Shaw
Crawford	Kinsley	Silsbee
Denison	Lathrop	Street
Edwards, <i>Penn.</i>	Lincoln	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	MacLay	Tomlinson
Fay	McCullough	Van Rensselaer
Floyd	Marchand	Wallace
Foot	Monell	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Forrest	Moseley	Wood.....55
Garnett		

On motion of Mr. Clay, it was

Ordered, That the said committee consist of twenty-three members; and that they be elected by ballot, pursuant to the rules and orders of the House.

Mr. Randolph then moved that one member of the said committee be chosen from each state; which being negatived,

Mr. Clay moved that the House do *now* proceed to the said election.

Mr. Allen, of Mass. moved that the House proceed to the election to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

Mr. Tracy moved that the House proceed to the election on Monday next, at 12 o'clock.

This latter motion being rejected,

The question was taken on the motion to proceed to the election to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

And passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Crowell moved that the several orders of the day which precede the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of purchasers of public lands prior to the 1st of July, 1820," be postponed, for the purpose of taking the said bill into consideration.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the orders of the day which preceded the bill making appropriations for the naval service of the United States be postponed until to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the bill making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, for the year 1821; and on the bill to authorize the building of light houses on Cross and Pond Islands, in the harbor of Booth Bay, and at the mouth of Oswego river; and placing buoys on the shoals of Nantucket and Vineyard Sound, near the harbor of Wickford, and on the Altamaha river, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Foot reported the former of the said bills with amendments, and the latter without amendment.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments aforesaid; when

Mr. Randolph moved that the bill with the amendments lie on the table; which being rejected,

The said amendments were concurred in, and the bills were ordered to be engrossed, and severally read a third time to-morrow.

The following message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Gouverneur, his Secretary, viz.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

The Treaty of Amity, Settlement, and Limits, between the United States and Spain, signed on the 22d of February, 1819, having been ratified by the contracting parties, and the ratifications having been exchanged, it is herewith communicated to Congress, that such legislative measures may be taken as they shall judge proper, for carrying the same into execution.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, February 22, 1821.

The said message was read, and, together with the treaty, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting a report on the subject of weights and measures, prepared in obedience to a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 14th December, 1819; which letter and report were ordered to lie upon the table.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 23, 1821.

Mr. Crafts presented a petition of Luther Dixon, a colonel of a regiment of Vermont militia in the service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain, stating that he caused a man who was exciting mutiny and disaffection in his regiment to be confined and slightly punished, for which he has been compelled to pay damages to the amount of three hundred dollars, exclusive of a large amount of costs, and praying a reimbursement thereof; which petition was referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. McCoy,

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition of sundry inhabitants of Rockbridge and Augusta counties, in Virginia, presented yesterday.

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Joseph E. Read, on behalf of himself and others; as, also, of the petition of James Kavanagh and Matthew Cottrill; and that the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of State.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Jesse Thompson; and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made unfavorable reports on the petitions of Jonathan Chase and Isaac Burnham; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Kent, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the sale of certain grounds belonging to the United States in the city of Washington," reported the same with an amendment; which was read.

Ordered, That the said bill and amendment be committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Kent, from the same committee, also reported a bill to regulate the fees of the register of wills in the several counties within the District of Columbia; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, for the year 1821; and

An act to authorize the building of light houses on Cross and Pond

Islands, in the harbor of Booth bay, and at the mouth of Oswego river, and placing buoys on the Shoals of Nantucket and Vineyard Sound, near the harbor of Wickford, and on the Altamaha river, and for other purposes; were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The House proceeded to consider the bill authorizing the Secretary of State to issue a patent to Thomas Oxley; and the same being read,

Mr. Little moved that it be committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow; which being negatived,

Mr. Mallary moved to amend the same, by adding thereto the following, viz: "*Provided*, That the said Thomas Oxley shall take no advantage of this act after the time limited by the laws of the United States for the naturalization of foreigners, unless he becomes a citizen of the United States."

And the question being taken thereon,

It was also determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, transmitting the reports numbered 10 and 11 of the land offices at Jackson court house, in Louisiana, on claims for land; which were referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to continue in force for a further time the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," be discharged from the consideration thereof.

Mr. Tracy then moved that the bill lie on the table; which being negatived, it was

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, transmitting the annual statements of his accounts; which were ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded by ballot to the election of a committee on their part, under the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Clay, proposing an inquiry into the expediency of admitting Missouri into the Union as a state, or adopting such other provisions as may be adapted to her actual condition; and, having ballotted,

Mr. Archer, of Virginia, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Tracy, were appointed a committee to count the ballots, and report the result to the House.

The committee last appointed, by leave of the House, then retired.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of purchasers of public lands prior to the 1st of July, 1820; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Allen, of New York, reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Anderson moved that the bill lie on the table, which motion was rejected; and

Mr. Hardin then moved to amend the same, by adding to the 3d section thereof the following proviso: "And provided further, That the discount allowed by this act shall not be made when the debtor shall fail to pay any of the said several instalments as the same shall become due and payable."

The said amendment was read; and it was

Ordered, That the said bill and amendment lie on the table.

Mr. Archer, of Virginia, from the committee appointed this day to examine and count the ballots for a committee under Mr. Clay's resolution of yesterday, reported that the tellers had performed that duty, and found that Mr. Clay, Mr. Cobb, Mr. Hill, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Storrs, Mr. Cocke, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Archer, of Virginia, Mr. Brown, Mr. Eddy, Mr. Ford, Mr. Culbreth, Mr. Hackley, Mr. S. Moore, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Rogers, and Mr. Southard, had each a majority of all the votes given, and that no other person voted for had such majority.

Whereupon the several gentlemen above named as having obtained a majority of votes, were declared duly elected of the said committee.

The whole committee not having been chosen on the first ballot, it was,

On motion of Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That so much of the order of yesterday directing the appointment of the said committee by ballot, as relates to the choice of the remaining six members, be rescinded. Whereupon,

Mr. Darlington, Mr. Pitcher, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Gross, of New York, Mr. Livermore, and Mr. Baldwin, were appointed by the Speaker to compose the residue of the committee.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry the said resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence therein.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 24, 1821.



Ordered, That Mr. Livermore, and Mr. Gross, of New York, be excused from serving on the Joint Committee appointed on the part of this House to inquire into the expediency of admitting Missouri into the Union as a state; or into the propriety of adopting such other provisions as may be adapted to her actual condition, under that rule of the House which provides that "any member may excuse himself from serving on any committee at the time of his appointment, if he is then a member of two other committees;" and that Mr. Randolph, and Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, be appointed of the said committee in their stead.

Mr. Sergeant presented a memorial of Richard W. Meade, a citizen of the United States, and formerly a merchant residing in Cadiz, in Spain, setting forth the nature and extent of his demands against

the government of that country, and praying that in such act or acts as may be passed for carrying into effect the stipulations contained in the treaty concluded and signed between the United States and Spain, on the 22d of February, 1819, and ratified, and the ratifications exchanged on the 22d instant, provision may be made for paying, without deduction, his claims which have been liquidated and acknowledged by the government of that country, amounting to \$491,153 $\frac{33}{100}$, according to the obligations of good faith contracted by the United States to Spain, under the express stipulations of the treaty aforesaid; which memorial was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Cuthbert presented a petition of John B. Lemaitre, merchant of Charleston, in South Carolina, praying to be allowed and paid the drawback of duties on fifteen bales of cotton exported to France, to which he is in equity and good faith entitled; which petition was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1821; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, from the committee appointed on the 2d instant to inquire into the expediency of abolishing imprisonment for debt on process issuing from the courts of the United States, made a report, accompanied with a bill for that purpose; which bill was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Mr. Cuthbert gave notice that he would, on Monday next, move the House for leave to bring in a bill to provide for sick seamen in the port of Savannah, in the state of Georgia.

Mr. Rankin moved that the engrossed bill to continue in force for a further time the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," be recommitted to the Committee on Indian Affairs, with instructions to report amendments providing for the disposal, by sale, under the direction of the Secretary of War, of all the property of the United States employed in the Indian trade, and the payment of the proceeds into the Treasury; and the abolition of the offices of the superintendent, factors, and all agents of the United States attached to the business of the Indian trade, from and after the 1st day of September next.

And the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of State to issue a patent to Thomas Oxley," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate concur in the amendment proposed by

this House to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel Tucker, late a captain in the navy of the United States." They have also concurred in the resolutions of this House for the appointment of joint committees to inquire into the expediency of admitting Missouri into the Union as a state; or into the propriety of adopting such other provisions as may be adapted to her actual condition; and to inquire and report what subjects before the two Houses are proper to be acted on during the present session of Congress; and have appointed committees on their part. The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to reduce and fix the military peace establishment of the United States," with an amendment, in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said amendment was read, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair; and Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and came to no resolution thereon.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, February 26, 1821.

Ordered, That Mr. Crafts have leave of absence from the service of this House, from to day, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act further to establish the compensation of the officers employed in the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes," reported the same with sundry amendments; which were read, and, together with the bill, committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

-Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Ephraim Sturtevant; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be not granted, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his papers accompanying his petition.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill to authorize the President of the United States, to borrow a sum, not exceeding 4,500,000 dollars; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

Mr. Trimble made the following report, viz:

"The Committee of Elections report, in part, that they have examined the certificate of election and credentials of William S Blackledge, (elected from the state of North Carolina, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Jesse Slocumb,) and find the same sufficient to entitle him to a seat in this House."

Ordered, That the said report lie on the table.

The Speaker presented a petition of George Merchant, of the city of New York, late district paymaster of the army of the United States, praying the allowance of certain sums of money paid by him to ensign Ross, and the reimbursement of certain costs incurred in the manner therein specified; which petition was referred to the Secretary of War, with instructions to report thereon to the House at the next session of Congress.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petitions and papers of Frederick Raymer and James H. Causen, heretofore presented to this House.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Gouverneur, his Secretary; which was read, and is as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit to Congress a letter from the Secretary of War, enclosing an annual return of the militia of the United States, prepared by the Adjutant and Inspector General, conformably to the militia laws on that subject.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, February 24, 1821.

Ordered, That the message and accompanying papers lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, to wit: "An act to continue in force for a further time the act, entitled 'An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes,'" "An act confirming the title of the Marquis de Maison Rouge;" and "An act to extend the charters of certain banks in the District of Columbia;" in which bills they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Clay, from the joint committee appointed on the 23d instant, reported the following joint resolution, viz:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Missouri shall be admitted into this Union on an equal footing with the original states, in all respects whatever, upon the fundamental condition, that the fourth clause of the twenty-sixth section of the third article of the constitution, submitted on the part of said state to Congress, shall never be construed to authorize the passage of any law, and that no law shall be passed in conformity thereto, by which any citizen of either of the states in this Union shall be excluded from the enjoyment of any of the privileges and immunities to which such citizen is entitled under the constitution of the United States: Provided, That the legislature of the said state, by a solemn public act, shall declare the assent of the said state to the said fundamental condition, and shall transmit to the President of the United States, on or before the fourth Monday in November next, an authentic copy of the said

act; upon the receipt whereof, the President, by proclamation, shall announce the fact: whereupon, and without any further proceeding on the part of Congress, the admission of the said state into this Union shall be considered as complete.

The said resolution was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration of the case of Francis Julineau, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

The House took up the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the purchasers of public lands prior to the 1st day of July, 1820. Whereupon,

Mr. Foot moved to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Public Lands, with instructions to report a bill to amend the third section of the act of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the public lands," so as to fix the price, at which the public lands shall be offered for sale, at one dollar and sixty-four cents per acre; and, also, to provide for suspending, for a limited time, the sale or forfeiture of lands, for failure in completing the payment thereon.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on the amendment proposed by Mr. Hardin on Friday last;

And, being taken,

It passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Wood moved further to amend the bill as follows:

Let the word "unpaid," in the ninth line of the third section of the bill (as printed) close that section; and prefix to the residue of the section the following words, viz:

"SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That all persons indebted to the United States for any section, half section, or quarter section of land on which they actually reside, or, on which improvements have been made, shall, with regard to the sections, half sections, and quarter sections, so occupied or improved, be divided, and."

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Robertson moved to amend the first section of the bill, by striking out from the word "of," in the tenth line, to the word "and," in the thirteenth line, being these words: "any section, half section, quarter section, half quarter section, or legal subdivision of any fractional section of land so purchased, upon which the whole purchase money has not been paid;" and, in lieu thereof, insert the following:

"As much thereof as shall then not be paid for, and no more nor less: *Provided*, That all persons who reside on, or have, before the passage of this act, improved any section, half section, quarter section, or legal subdivision of any fractional section, upon which the

whole purchase money has not been paid, shall have the privilege of relinquishing any legal division or subdivision thereof."

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The bill being further amended,

Mr. Metcalf moved further to amend the same by adding thereto the following section, viz:

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That every person, or the representative of every person, who, prior to the passage of this act, did actually inhabit or cultivate a tract of unappropriated land belonging to the United States, shall be entitled to a preference in becoming the purchaser of one quarter section, including his or their settlement, at the minimum price of the government. And the fact of such settlement being established, in conformity to existing laws, before the register and receiver, in either of the land districts of the United States, before the day upon which the same is exposed to public sale; and the sale shall be suspended for the term of — years. Provided, however, that every person, who, it shall appear, is the owner of any other land, shall be excluded from the benefit of this act.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The bill being further amended,

Mr. McCoy moved further to amend the same, as follows:

"After the enacting clause, strike out the residue of the bill; and, in lieu thereof, insert the following, viz:

"That the operation of all acts providing for the sale of the lands of the United States be, and the same is hereby, suspended until the 30th day of April, 1822, in favor of purchasers of public lands, at any of the land offices of the United States, for any instalment or instalments remaining unpaid, or which may fall due, previous to the day aforesaid."

And, the question being taken on so amending the bill,

It was determined in the negative.

The said bill being further amended,

Mr. Anderson moved further to amend the bill, by expunging from the word "That," in the first line of the third section, to the word "the," in the ninth line of the same section, being (as previously amended) these words:

"On all debts to the United States, which may have arisen from the purchase of public lands, a discount at the rate of 25 per cent. shall be allowed on the amount remaining unpaid; and,"

And, the question being taken so to amend,

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas 83
Nays 70

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Gray	Mr. Pinckney
Alexander	Guyon	Plumer
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Rankin
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Hardin	Reid
Anderson	Hibshman	Richards
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Hill	Robertson
Ball	Hooks	Rogers
Barbour	Hostetter	Russ
Bateman	Little	Settle
Bloomfield	Livermore	Silsbee
Bryan	Maclay	Simkins
Buffum	McCoy	Southard
Case	McCreary	Stevens
Cobb	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Storrs
Cocke	Mercer	Terrell
Culbreth	Metcalf	Tomlinson
Culpepper	Monell	Tracy
Cuthbert	Montgomery	Trimble
Davidson	S. Moore	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Denison	T. L. Moore	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Dewitt	Morton	Udree
Dickinson	Murray	Walker
Eddy	Neale	Warfield
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Wendover
Fisher	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Floyd	Parker, <i>Va.</i>	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Folger	Phelps	Wood.....83.
Foot	Philson	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Darlington	Mr. Jones, <i>Ten.</i>
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Kendall
Baker	Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Kinsey
Baldwin	Eustis	Lathrop
Bayly	Fay	Lincoln
Beecher	Ford	McCullough
Blackledge	Fuller	Mallary
Boden	Gorham	Marchand
Brush	Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Meech
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	R. Moore
Campbell	Hackley	Moseley
Cannon	Hemphill	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>
Clark	Hendricks	Newton
Clay	Herrick	Patterson
Cook	Hobart	Pitcher
Crowell	Jackson	Rhea
Cushman	Johnson	Rich
Dane	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Richmond

Mr. Ringgold	Mr. Smith, <i>Md.</i>	Mr. Swearingen	
Ross	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>	Tarr	
Sergeant	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>	Tyler	
Shaw	Street	Van Rensselaer	
Sloan	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>		70
Smith, <i>N. J.</i>	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>		

Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House adopted the amendment proposed by Mr. Hardin on Friday last.

And, the question being taken thereon,
It passed in the affirmative.

Whereupon,

Mr. Hardin withdrew his said amendment.

Mr. Anderson moved further to amend the bill as follows:

Let the word "aforesaid," in the thirty-third line of the third section of the bill (as printed) close that section, and insert between that and the succeeding section the following, to wit:

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That in all cases where complete payment of the whole sum due, or which may become due, for any tract of land, purchased from the United States as aforesaid, shall be made on or before the — day of — 1821, a deduction, at the rate of 37½ per centum shall be allowed upon the sum so remaining unpaid."

And, the question being stated thereon,

On motion of Mr. Clay, it was

Ordered, That the said bill and amendment lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution this day reported from the joint committee, providing for the admission of the state of Missouri on a certain condition.

Mr. Allen, of Massachusetts, moved to amend the same by striking out the words *any citizen*, in the eighth line herein, and, in lieu thereof, to insert "*free negroes or mulattoes, who are citizens*," and, in the tenth line herein, by striking out the words *citizen is*, and, in lieu of them, to insert "*free negro or mulatto are*;"

And, debate arising,

Mr. Robert Moore called for the previous question; and, the same being demanded by a majority of the members present, it was taken in the form prescribed by the Rules and Orders of the House, to wit:

"Shall the main question be now put?"

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas 109
Nays 50

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Mr. Barbour
Alexander	Baker	Bateman
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Baldwin	Bayly
Allen, <i>Tenn.</i>	Ball	Beecher

Mr. Blackledge
 Bloomfield
 Boden
 Brevard
 Brown
 Brush
 Bryan
 Buffum
 Campbell
 Cannon
 Case
 Clagett
 Clark
 Clay
 Cocke
 Crawford
 Crowell
 Cushman
 Cuthbert
 Darlington
 Davidson
 Dewitt
 Eddy
 Fishar
 Foot
 Ford
 Forrest
 Fuller
 Gross, *N. Y.*
 Guyon
 Hackley
 Hardin
 Hendricks

Mr. Herrick
 Hibshman
 Hill
 Hobart
 Hooks
 Hostetter
 Jones, *Ten.*
 Kinsey
 Kinsley
 Lincoln
 Little
 Maclay
 McCoy
 McCreary
 McCullough
 McLean, *Ken.*
 Marchand
 Meech
 Meigs
 Metcalf
 Monell
 Montgomery
 R. Moore
 S. Moore
 T. L. Moore
 Murray
 Newton
 Overstreet
 Parker, *Mass.*
 Patterson
 Phelps
 Philson
 Pinckney

Mr. Pitcher
 Rankin
 Reid
 Rhea
 Rich
 Richmond
 Ringgold
 Robertson
 Rogers
 Ross
 Settle
 Shaw
 Simkins
 Sloan
 Smith, *N. J.*
 Smith, *Md.*
 A. Smyth, *Va.*
 Smith, *N. C.*
 Southard
 Stevens
 Storrs
 Tarr
 Trimble
 Tucker, *S. C.*
 Tyler
 Udree
 Upham
 Van Rensselaer
 Walker
 Wallace
 Williams, *N. C.*

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Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams
 Allen, *Mass.*
 Anderson
 Archer, *Va.*
 Butler, *N. H.*
 Butler, *Lou.*
 Cobb
 Cook
 Culbreth
 Dane
 Dickinson
 Edwards, *Con.*
 Edwards, *Pen.*
 Edwards, *N. C.*

Mr. Eustis
 Fay
 Floyd
 Gorham
 Gray
 Gross, *Pen.*
 Hall, *N. Y.*
 Hemphill
 Jackson
 Johnson
 Kendall
 Lathrop
 Livermore
 Mallary

Mr. Morton
 Moseley
 Neale
 Nelson, *Mass.*
 Nelson, *Va.*
 Plumer
 Randolph
 Richards
 Russ
 Sergeant
 Silsbee
 Street
 Strong, *Vt.*
 Swearingen

Mr. Tomlinson	Mr. Warfield	Mr. Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Tracy	Wendover	Wood56
Tucker, <i>Va.</i>	Whitman	

The said main question was then put, to wit: *Shall the resolution be engrossed, and read a third time?*

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas 86
Nays 82

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Mr. Rankin
Alexander	Fisher	Reid
Allen, <i>Tenn.</i>	Floyd	Rhea
Anderson	Ford	Ringgold
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Gray	Robertson
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Guyon	Rogers
Baldwin	Hackley	Sawyer
Ball	Hardin	Settle
Barbour	Hill	Shaw
Bateman	Hooks	Simkins
Bayly	Jackson	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Blackledge	Johnson	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Bloomfield	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Brevard	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Brown	Little	Southard
Bryan	McCoy	Stevens
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	McCreary	Storrs
Cannon	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Swearingen
Clark	Meigs	Terrell
Clay	Mercer	Trimble
Cobb	Metcalf	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Cocke	Montgomery	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Crawford	S. Moore	Tyler
Crowell	T. L. Moore	Udree
Culbreth	Neale	Walker
Culpepper	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Warfield
Cuthbert	Newton	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Davidson	Overstreet	Williams, <i>N. C.</i> 86
Eddy	Pinckney	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Mr. Denison
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Campbell	Dewitt
Allen, <i>N. F.</i>	Case	Dickinson
Baker	Clagett	Edwards, <i>Con.</i>
Beecher	Cook	Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>
Boden	Cushman	Eustis
Brush	Dane	Fay
Buffum	Darlington	Folger

Mr. Foot	Mr. Maclay	Mr. Richmond
Forrest	McCullough	Ross
Fuller	Mallary	Russ
Garnett	Marchand	Sergeant
Gorham	Meech	Silsbee
Gross, <i>N. F.</i>	Monell	Sloan
Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	R. Moore	Street
Hall, <i>N. F.</i>	Morton	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Hemphill	Moseley	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>
Hendricks	Murray	Tarr
Herrick	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Tomlinson
Hibshman	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Tracy
Hobart	Patterson	Upham
Hostetter	Phelps	Van Rensselaer
Kendall	Philson	Wallace
Kinsey	Pitcher	Wendover
Kinsley	Plumer	Whitman
Lathrop	Randolph	Wood82
Lincoln	Rich	
Livermore	Richards	

A motion was then made, that the said resolution be read a third time to-morrow; which being rejected it was

Ordered, That the said resolution be read a third time to-day.

The resolution being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time.

And, the question was taken, Shall it pass?

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas 87
Nays 81

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Cannon	Mr. Guyon
Alexander	Clark	Hackley
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Clay	Hall, <i>N. C.</i>
Anderson	Cobb	Hardin
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Cocke	Hill
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Crawford	Hooks
Baldwin	Crowell	Jackson
Ball	Culbreth	Johnson
Barbour	Culpepper	Jones, <i>Va.</i>
Bateman	Cuthbert	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>
Bayly	Davidson	Little
Blackledge	Eddy	McCoy
Bloomfield	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	McCreary
Brevard	Fisher	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>
Brown	Floyd	Meigs
Bryan	Ford	Mercer
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Gray	Metcalf

Mr. Montgomery
S. Moore
T. L. Moore
Neale
Nelson, *Va.*
Newton
Overstreet
Pinckney
Rankin
Reid
Rhea
Ringgold

Mr. Robertson
Rogers
Sawyer
Settle
Shaw
Simkins
Smith, *N. J.*
Smith, *Md.*
A. Smyth, *Va.*
Smith, *N. C.*
Southard
Stevens

Mr. Storrs
Swearingen
Terrell
Trimble
Tucker, *Va.*
Tucker, *S. C.*
Tyler
Udree
Walker
Warfield
Williams, *Va.*
Williams, *N. C.* 87

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams
Allen, *Mass.*
Allen, *N. Y.*
Baker
Beecher
Boden
Brush
Buffum
Butler, *N. H.*
Campbell
Case
Clagett
Cook
Cushman
Dane
Darlington
Denison
Dewitt
Dickinson
Edwards, *Con.*
Edwards, *Pen.*
Eustis
Fay
Folger
Foot
Forrest
Fuller

Mr. Gorham
Gross, *N. Y.*
Gross, *Pen.*
Hall, *N. Y.*
Hemphill
Hendricks
Herrick
Hibshman
Hobart
Hostetter
Kendall
Kinsey
Kinsley
Lathrop
Lincoln
Livermore
Macclay
McCullough
Mallory
Marchand
Meech
Monell
R. Moore
Morton
Moseley
Murray
Nelson, *Mass.*

Mr. Parker, *Mass.*
Patterson
Phelps
Philson
Pitcher
Plumer
Randolph
Rich
Richards
Richmond
Ross
Russ
Sergeant
Silsbee
Sloan
Street
Strong, *Vt.*
Strong, *N. Y.*
Tarr
Tomlinson
Tracy
Upham
Van Rensselaer
Wallace
Wendover
Whitman
Wood.....81

Ordered, That the Clerk carry the said resolution to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Clay moved that the House do now resume the consideration of the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the purchasers of public lands, prior to the 1st day of July, 1820;

And, the question being stated thereon,
The House then adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 27, 1821.

Mr. Lathrop presented a petition of David L. Shields, praying for a pension in consideration of services rendered in the Revolutionary army; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Culbreth present a printed copy of a report made to the Senate of the state of Maryland on the 30th of January, 1821, and assented to by that body, and by the House of Delegates on the 13th instant, relative to appropriations of public land for the purposes of education; to which is attached resolutions expressive of the opinion of the General Assembly of Maryland, "That each of the United States has an equal right to participate in the benefit of the public lands, the common property of the Union." That the states in whose favor Congress have not made appropriations of land for the purposes of education, are entitled to such appropriations as will correspond, in a just proportion, with those heretofore made in favor of other states: and that their Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States be requested to lay the said report and resolutions before their respective Houses, and use their endeavors to procure the passage of an act to carry into effect the just principles therein set forth; which report and resolutions were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Kent presented a petition of the President and Directors of the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria, praying that the said bank may be included within the provisions of the bill which has passed the Senate, and is now pending before this House, to renew the charters of certain banks in the District of Columbia; which petition was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Williams, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Alexander Roddy, accompanied by a bill for his relief; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-day.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of all the petitions referred to them at the present session upon which they have not reported, and that the said petitions lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of James Brown, of New York, and that it be referred to the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill concerning invalid pensioners.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the joint committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States, and to inform him of his re-election; reported that the committee had performed that duty, and were informed by the President that he would attend in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Monday next, at 12 o'clock, to take the oath of office prescribed in the constitution of the United States.

Mr. Alexander Smyth, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill entitled "An act to reduce and fix the military peace establishment of the United States," reported the same with sundry amendments; which were read and concurred in by the House.

The fifth section of the said amendment of the Senate being read, in the words following, to wit:

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That there shall be one major general, with two aids de camp; two brigadier generals, each with one aid de camp; and that the aids de camp be taken from the subalterns of the line, and, in addition to their other duties, shall perform the duties of assistant adjutant general:

Mr. Cocke moved to amend the said section by striking out the words "major general with two aids de camp:"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 73
Nays 79.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Metcalf
Adams	Foot	R. Moore
Alexander	Forrest	Murray
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Gray	Neale
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Patterson
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Guyon	Phelps
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Hardin	Plumer
Ball	Hendricks	Rankin
Bateman,	Herrick	Rhea
Bayly	Hibshman	Richards
Blackledge	Hill	Shaw
Boden	Hostetter	Stevens
Buffum	Jackson	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Tarr
Campbell	Kendall	Terrell
Cannon	Kent	Tomlinson
Clagett	Kinsley	Tompkins
Cobb	Lathrop	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Cocke	Little	Tyler
Crawford	Livermore	Upham
Culpepper	McCoy	Walker
Cuthbert	McCreary	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Eddy	Mallary	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Marchand	
Fay	Meech	

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Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Mr. Barbour	Mr. Brown
Anderson	Beecher	Brush
Baker	Bloomfield	Butler, <i>Low.</i>
Baldwin	Brevard	Case

Mr. Clark	Mr. Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Mr. Settle
Clay	Kinsey	Silsbee
Cook	Maclay	Simkins
Crowell	McCullough	Sloan
Culbreth	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Cushman	Meigs	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Dane	Mercer	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Darlington	Montgomery	Smith, <i>N. C.</i>
Davidson	S. Moore	Southard
Dewitt	Morton	Storrs
Dickinson	Moseley	Street
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Newton	Tracy
Folger	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Trimble
Ford	Pinckney	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Fuller	Pitcher	Udree
Gorham	Reid	Van Rensselaer,
Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Ringgold	Wallace
Hackley	Robertson	Wendover
Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Rogers	Whitman
Hemphill	Ross	Wood.....79
Hooks	Russ	
Johnson	Sergeant	

Mr. Cobb moved further to amend the said amendment by striking out the word *two* wherever it occurs in the eighth line of the second section, and inserting in each place the word *one*; so that there should be *one* first lieutenant, and *one* second lieutenant, to each company of artillery, instead of two first and two second lieutenants.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The amendment was then further amended; and

A motion was made by Mr. Cannon further to amend the same by striking out from the third line of the first section the word *four*, and inserting the word *two*, and the word *seven*, and inserting the word *four*; so that instead of *four* regiments of *artillery* and *seven* regiments of *infantry*, there should be *two* regiments of *artillery*, and *four* regiments of *infantry*; and in the tenth and fifteenth lines of the second section, to strike out the words *forty-two*, and to insert in each place the words *eighty-four*; so that each company of *artillery* and *infantry* should consist of *eighty-four*, instead of *forty-two*, privates.

And the question being taken to agree to these amendments,

It was determined in the negative; and

The question was then taken to agree to the amendment of the Senate to the said bill, as amended,

And passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Storrs, from the joint committee appointed to report what subjects before the two Houses are proper to be acted upon during the present session, made a report; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, reported a bill for carrying into execution the treaty between the United States and Spain, concluded at Washington, the 22d of February, 1819; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, to wit: "An act to authorize the appointment of certain Indian agents;" "An act to authorize the President of the United States to ascertain and designate certain boundaries;" "An act to establish the district of Blakeley;" and "An act providing for the adjudication and payment of claims arising under the treaty of amity, settlement, and limits, between the United States and his Catholic majesty;" in which bills they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

1. "An act to continue in force, for a further time, the act entitled 'An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes;'"
2. "An act to authorize the appointment of certain Indian agents;"
3. "An act confirming the title of the marquis de Maison Rouge;"
4. "An act to extend the charters of certain banks in the District of Columbia;"
5. "An act to authorize the President of the United States to ascertain and designate certain boundaries;"
6. "An act to establish the district of Blakeley;" and
7. "An act providing for the adjudication and payment of claims arising under the treaty of amity, settlement, and limits, between the United States and his Catholic majesty;" were severally read the first and second time, and referred, the *first* and *second* to the Committee on Indian Affairs; the *third* to the Committee on Private Land Claims; the *fourth* to the Committee for the District of Columbia; the *fifth* to the Committee on the Public Lands; the *sixth* to the Committee of Commerce; and the *seventh* to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the purchasers of the public lands, prior to the first day of July, 1820;" and the question recurred on the amendment proposed by Mr. Anderson, and stated on the Journal of yesterday; when

Mr. Crowell moved to fill the blank in the section therein proposed, with the date *30th September, 1823*; which being rejected,

On motion of Mr. McLean, of Kentucky,

The said blank was filled with *30th September, 1822*.

Mr. McCoy then moved further to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Anderson, by striking out *thirty seven and an half*, and inserting *twenty-five*; which being negatived,

The question was taken to agree to the said amendment, amended to read as follows, viz:

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That in all cases where complete payment of the whole sum due, or which may become due, for any tract of land purchased from the United States as aforesaid, shall be made on or before the 30th day of September, 1832, a deduction, at the rate of thirty-seven and an half per centum, shall be allowed upon the sum so remaining unpaid.

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas 72
Nays 62

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbott

Alexander

Allen, *Mass.*

Allen, *N. Y.*

Baker

Baldwin

Ball

Beecher

Boden

Brown

Brush

Butler, *Lou.*

Campbell

Cannon

Clark

Clay

Cobb

Cook

Crawford

Crowell

Cushman

Cuthbert

Darlington

Denison

Mr. Earle

Fay

Fisher

Garnett

Gorham

Hackley

Hardin

Hendricks

Herrick

Hill

Hostetter

Jackson

Johnson

Jones, *Va.*

Kent

Kinsey,

Kinsley

Lathrop

Livermore

McCullough

McLean, *Ken.*

Mallary

Marchand

Meigs

Mr. Mercer

Metcalf

Montgomery

S. Moore

T. L. Moore

Moseley

Patterson

Pitcher

Plumer

Rankin

Reed

Rhea

Rogers

Ross

Settle

Sloan

Smith, *N. J.*

A. Smyth, *Va.*

Street

Strong, *N. Y.*

Tarr

Tyler

Van Rensselaer

Wallace.....72

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams

Allen, *Ten.*

Anderson

Archer, *Md.*

Archer, *Va.*

Barbour

Bateman

Bayly

Bloomfield

Brevard

Buffum

Butler, *N. H.*

Case

Clagett

Mr. Culbreth

Dane

Dewitt

Dickinson

Eddy

Edwards, *Con.*

Edwards, *N. C.*

Floyd

Folger

Foot

Ford

Gray

Gross, *N. Y.*

Guyon

Mr. Hall, *N. Y.*

Jones, *Ten.*

Kendall

MacLay

McCoy

McCreary

Meech

Morton

Murray

Neale

Newton

Parker, *Mass.*

Phelps

Philson

Mr. Rich
Richards
Ringgold
Robertson
Russ
Simkins
Smith, *Md.*

Mr. Stevens
Swearingen
Terrell
Tompkins
Tracy
Tucker, *Va.*
Tucker, *S. C.*

Mr. Udree
Upham
Wendover
Williams, *Va.*
Williams, *N. C.*
Wood.....62

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and that the bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Foot reported that the committee of the whole had, according to order, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and directed him to report the bill thereto committed on the 6th December last, to release French ships and vessels, entering the ports of the United States prior to the 30th September, 1820, from the operation of the act, entitled "An act to impose a new tonnage duty on French ships and vessels, and for other purposes," without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-day.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Allen, of Mass. reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and directed him to report the bill thereto committed on the 5th of January ultimo, to amend the act, entitled "An act for the gradual increase of the navy of the United States," without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the bill further to amend the several acts relative to the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments; and the same being read, it was

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for relief of Robert Purdy;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Foot reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Cobb then moved that the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

And the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to release French ships and vessels entering the ports of the United States, prior to the 30th September, 1820, from the operation of the act, entitled "An act to impose a new tonnage duty on French ships and vessels, and for other purposes," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

A motion was made by Mr. Samuel Moore, that when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 28, 1821.

Mr. Gross, of New York, presented a petition of King and Kirber, praying compensation for a vessel captured by the British forces on Lake Champlain, in the late war, in consequence of having been engaged in the service of the United States by compulsion, immediately preceding said capture; which petition was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Archer, of Maryland, from the Committee on Expenditures, in the Navy Department, made a report upon the subject of the expenditures in that department; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Archer, from the same committee, also reported a bill providing for the pay and reorganization of the marine corps; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to establish the district of Blakeley;" reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole to day.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a detailed report upon the state of the finances; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Kent, from the Committee for the District Columbia, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to extend the charters of certain Banks in the District of Columbia," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Cobb then moved that the said bill lie on the table; which being negatived,

Mr. Cocke moved to amend the same by striking out from the first section thereof, the date *one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six*, to which the bill provides for the continuance of the charters of the banks therein mentioned, and to insert, in lieu thereof, *one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six*.

And the question being taken so to amend,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Edwards, of North Carolina, then moved that the said bill be recommitted to the Committee for the District of Columbia, with instructions so to amend it as to authorize any stockholder who may

think proper to withdraw himself from any of the said companies, and to receive such funds as he may have therein.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

And it was then

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to day.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to ascertain and designate certain boundaries," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Rich, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act explanatory of the act for the relief of James Leander Cathcart, passed May 15, 1820," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Bloomfield, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom were referred the petitions of Joseph Atset and William Bierce, made a report, which was read: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their respective petitions with their accompanying documents.

Ordered, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the consideration of the petitions and other matters to them referred during the present session, upon which they have not reported to the House.

Mr. Fuller, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act concerning Thomas Shields and others," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Southard, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was recommitted the engrossed bill to continue in force for a further time the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," reported the same with an amendment, which was read, and concurred in by the House.

Mr. Southard then moved, that the said bill be recommitted to a committee of the whole; which motion being rejected, it was,

On motion of Mr. McLean, of Kentucky,

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

Mr. Phelps, from the committee appointed on the 19th of December last, to investigate the affairs of the Post Office Department, made a report thereon, which was read, and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have concurred in the amendments proposed by this House to their amendment to the bill, entitled "An act to reduce and fix the military peace establishment of the United States;" they have passed the "Resolution providing for the admis-

sion of the state of Missouri into the Union on a certain condition;" they have *postponed indefinitely* the bill from this House, entitled "An act for the relief of Jacob Hunsinger." They have passed bills of this House of the following titles, to wit: "An act to establish the district of Pearl river;" "An act for the relief of Joseph McNiel;" "An act for the relief of Alexandre Milne;" An "act for the relief of Lewis H. Guerlain;" "An act for the relief of John Rodriguez;" "An act for the relief of Francis B. Languille;" "An act for the relief of James Brady;" "An act for the relief of Nicholas Jarrott," with amendments to the two latter; and they have also passed bills of the following titles, viz: "An act authorizing the payment of a sum of money to John Gooding and James Williams;" "An act for the relief of general Robert Swartwout;" "An act to authorize the clerk of the district court of the United States for the district of Louisiana to appoint a deputy to aid him in the discharge of the duties of his office;" "An act for the relief of J. L. B. Macarty;" and "An act for the passage to the credit of Nathaniel Allen certain moneys by him disbursed in the public service;" in which amendments, and five last mentioned bills, they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Brady," was read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Nicholas Jarrott," were read, and also concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

1. "An act authorizing the payment of a sum of money to John Gooding and James Williams;"
2. "An act for the relief of general Robert Swartwout;"
3. "An act for the relief of J. L. B. Macarty;"
4. "An act for passing to the credit of Nathaniel Allen certain moneys by him disbursed in the public service;" and
5. "An act to authorize the clerk of the district court of the United States for the district of Louisiana to appoint a deputy to aid him in the discharge of the duties of his office;" were severally read the first and second time, and referred, the *first* to the Committee of Ways and Means; the *second, third, and fourth*, to the Committee of Claims; and the *fifth* to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to extend the charters of certain Banks in the District of Columbia," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act further to amend the several acts relative to the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of purchasers of public lands prior to the 1st of July, 1820," was read the third time as amended.

And on the question, Shall it pass?

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas 97
Nays 40

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Ford	Mr. Murray
Adams	Fuller	Neale
Alexander	Gorham	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Hackley	Patterson
Anderson	Hardin	Pinckney
Baker	Hemphill	Plumer
Baldwin	Hendricks	Rankin
Ball	Herrick	Rhea
Beecher	Hill	Rich
Bloomfield	Hooks	Ringgold
Brown	Jackson	Robertson
Brush	Johnson	Rogers
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Ross
Campbell	Kendall	Sergeant
Cannon	Kent	Settle
Clark	Kinsey	Silsbee
Clay	Kinsley	Simkins
Cobb	Lathrop	Sloan
Cook	Macclay	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Crawford	McCullough	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Crowell	McLean, <i>Kca.</i>	Street
Culbreth	Mallory	Strong, <i>N. F.</i>
Cushman	Marchand	Swearingen
Cuthbert	Meigs	Tarr
Darlington	Mercer	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Dewitt	Metcalf	Tyler
Dickinson	Monell	Udree
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Montgomery	Van Rensselaer
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	R. Moore	Walker
Eustis	S. Moore	Wood.....97
Fay	T. L. Moore	
Folger	Moseley	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Allen, <i>Tenn.</i>	Mr. Bryan	Mr. Cocke
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Buffum	Culpepper
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Butler, <i>N. H.</i>	Denison
Bateman	Case	Eddy
Blackledge	Clagett	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>

Mr. Floyd	Mr. McCoy	Mr. Stevens
Foot	McCreary	Tomlinson
Gray	Morton	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Guyon	Newton	Upham
Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Wendover
Hibshman	Phelps	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Lincoln	Philson	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Little	Richards	40
Livermore	Russ	

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith, and ask their concurrence in the amendments to the said bill.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Gouverneur, his Secretary, who delivered in the same. And withdrew.

A motion was made by Mr. Sergeant that the House do now proceed to the consideration of the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States."

And the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas 78
Nays 59

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members sent,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Folger	Mr. Mercer
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Foot	Monell
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Ford	Montgomery
Anderson	Fuller	S. Moore
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Gorham	Mosely
Baker	Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>
Beecher	Gross, <i>Pen.</i>	Pitcher
Bloomfield	Guyon	Rich
Brown	Hackley	Robertson
Brush	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Rogers
Campbell	Hemphill	Russ
Case	Herrick	Sergeant
Clay	Hill	Silsbee
Cook	Hobart	Sloan
Culpepper	Johnson	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Cushman	Kendall	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Cuthbert	Kent	Street
Dane	Kinsley	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Darlington	Lathrop	Tomlinson
Denison	Little	Udree
Dewitt	Livermore	Upham
Eddy	Maclay	Van Rensselaer
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	McCullough	Warfield
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Mallery	Wendover
Eustis	Marchand	Whitman
Eay	Meigs	Wood.....78

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Abbot

Alexander
Archer, *Va.*

Baldwin

Ball

Bateman

Buffum

Butler, *Lou.*

Cannon

Clagett

Cobb

Cocke

Culbreth

Davidson

Dickinson

Edwards, *N. C.*

Floyd

Gray

Hardin

Hibshman

Mr. Hooks

Hostetter

Jackson

Jones, *Va.*

Jones, *Tenn.*

Kinsey

Lincoln

McCoy

McCreary

McLean, *Kent.*

Metcalf

R. Moore

T. L. Moore

Morton

Murray

Neale

Nelson, *Va.*

Newton,

Parker, *Mass.*

Patterson

Mr. Phelps

Philson

Plumer

Rankin

Rhea

Richards

Ringgold

Settle

Stevens

Swearingen

Tarr

Terrell

Tracy

Tucker, *Va.*

Tucker, *S. C.*

Tyler

Walker

Williams, *Va.*

Williams, *N. C.*

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Mr. Edwards, of North Carolina, then moved that the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Rhea moved that the said bill be postponed indefinitely; and the question being stated,

Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, moved that the bill lie on the table.

And the question being taken,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Ball then moved that the House do now adjourn.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 59
Nays 77

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot

Alexander,
Allen, *Tenn.*

Anderson

Archer, *Va.*

Baldwin

Ball

Blackledge

Boden

Bryan

Butler, *Lou.*

Campbell

Mr. Cannon

Cobb

Cocke

Crawford

Culbreth

Culpepper

Davidson

Dickinson

Edwards, *N. C.*

Floyd

Ford

Garnett

Mr. Gray

Guyon

Hardin

Hendricks

Hooks

Jackson

Jones, *Va.*

Jones, *Tenn.*

Kinsey

Lincoln

McCoy

Metcalf

Mr. R. Moore
T. L. Moore
Morton
Murray
Neale
Nelson, *Va.*
Newton
Parker, *Mass.*

Mr. Phelps
Pinckney
Reid
Richards
Ross
Stevens
Swearingen
Terrell

Mr. Trimble
Tucker, *Va.*
Tucker, *S. C.*
Warfield
Wendover
Williams, *Va.*
Williams, *N. C.*
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Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams

Allen, *Mass.*
Allen, *N. Y.*
Baker
Beecher
Bloomfield
Brevard
Brush
Case
Clark
Clay
Cook
Crowell
Cushman
Cuthbert
Dane
Darlington
Denison
Eddy
Edwards, *Con.*
Edwards, *Pen.*
Eustis
Fay
Folger
Foot
Forrest

Mr. Fuller

Gorham
Gross, *N. Y.*
Hackley
Hall, *N. Y.*
Hemphill
Herrick
Hill
Hobart
Hostetter
Johnson
Kendall
Kent
Kinsley
Lathrop
Little
Livermore
Maclay
McCreary
McCullough
Mallary
Marchand
Meigs
Mercer
Monell
Montgomery

Mr. S. Moore

Moseley
Nelson, *Mass.*
Patterson
Philson
Pitcher
Plumer
Rhea
Rich
Robertson
Rogers
Russ
Sergeant
Silsbee
Simkins
Sloan
Storrs
Street
Strong, *N. Y.*
Tomlinson
Tracy
Upham
Van Rensselaer
Whitman
Wood77

Mr. Jones moved that the bill lie on the table; which being rejected,

Mr. Bryan moved that the House do now adjourn.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was again determined in the negative, { Yeas 62
Nays 73

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot

Alexander
Allen, *Tenn.*
Archer, *Va.*
Baldwin
Ball
Blackledge

Mr. Bryan

Buffum
Butler, *Lou.*
Campbell
Cannon
Clagett
Clark

Mr. Cobb

Cocke
Crawford
Culbreth
Culpepper
Davidson
Dickinson

Mr. Edwards, N. C.	Mr. McCoy	Mr. Rankin
Floyd	Metcalf	Reid
Garnett	R. Moore	Rhea
Gray	T. L. Moore	Richards
Guyon	Morton	Ringgold
Hardin	Murray	Ross
Hibshman	Neale	Stevens
Hooks	Nelson, Va.	Swearingen
Hostetter	Newton	Terrell
Jackson	Parker, Mass.	Tucker, Va.
Jones, Va.	Patterson	Tucker, S. C.
Jones, Tenn.	Phelps	Williams, Va.
Kinsey	Philson,	Williams, N. C.
Lincoln	Pinckney	62

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Ford	Mr. Monell
Allen, Mass.	Forrest	Montgomery
Allen, N. Y.	Fuller	S. Moore
Archer, Md.	Gorham	Moseley
Archer, Va.	Gross, N. Y.	Nelson, Mass.
Beecher	Hackley	Pitcher
Bloomfield	Hall, N. Y.	Plumer
Brevard	Hemphill	Rich
Brush	Herrick	Robertson
Case	Hill	Rogers
Clay	Hobart	Russ
Cook	Johnson	Sergeant
Crowell	Kendall	Silsbee
Cushman	Kent	Sloan
Cuthbert	Kinsley	Smith, Md.
Dane	Lathrop	Storrs
Darlington	Little	Street
Denison	Livermore	Strong, N. Y.
Eddy	Maclay	Tomlinson
Edwards, Con.	McCreary	Upham
Edwards, Pen.	McCullough	Van Rensselaer
Eustis	Mallary	Warfield
Fay	Marchand	Whitman
Folger	Meigs	Wood.....73
Foot	Mercer	

Mr. Hooks moved that the said bill lie on the table; which being again rejected,

The question was put on the motion of Mr. Rhea that the said bill be postponed indefinitely,

And determined in the negative, { Yeas 58
Nays 73

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Garnett	Mr. Newton
Alexander	Gray	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Hardin	Patterson
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Hibshman	Phelps
Baldwin	Hooks	Philson
Ball	Hostetter	Plumer
Blackledge	Jackson	Rankin
Bryan	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Reid
Buffum	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Rhea
Campbell	Kinsey	Richards
Cannon	Lincoln	Ringgold
Claggett	McCoy	Ross
Cobb	McCreary	Stevens
Cocke	Metcalf	Swearingen
Crawford	R. Moore	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Culbreth	T. L. Moore	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Culpepper	Morton	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Davidson	Murray	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Neale	58
Floyd	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Forrest	Mr. Montgomery
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Fuller	S. Moore
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Gorham	Moseley
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Nelson, <i>Mass.</i>
Beecher	Guyon	Pitcher
Bloomfield	Hackley	Rich
Brevard	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Robertson
Brush	Hemphill	Rogers
Case	Herrick	Russ
Clark	Hill	Sergeant
Clay	Hobart	Silsbee
Cook	Johnson	Simkins
Crowell	Kendall	Sloan
Cushman	Kent	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Cuthbert	Kinsley	Storrs
Dane	Lathrop	Street
Darlington	Little	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Denison	Livermore	Tomlinson
Eddy	Maclay	Upham
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	McCullough	Van Rensselaer
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	Mallary	Warfield
Eustis	Marchand	Whitman
Fay	Meigs	Wood.....73
Folger	Mercer	
Foot	Monell	

The question then recurred that the said bill be ordered to a third reading: When,
The House adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 1, 1821.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and papers of Benjamin Dickerson.

Ordered, That the committees of the whole to which are severally committed the reports of the Committee of Claims, on the cases of Jean Baptiste Jerome, and others, and John Meldrum, be discharged, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Mr. Hendricks, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred, on the 2d of January last, the memorial of the legislature of the state of Indiana, made a report thereon, accompanied with a bill authorizing the taxing of certain lands within the new states; which bill was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The message received yesterday from the President of the United States was read, as follows, viz:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I herewith transmit to Congress certain extracts, and a copy of letters received by the Secretary of State from the Marshal of the United States, for the eastern district of Virginia, in relation to the execution of the act of the 14th of March, 1820, to provide for taking the fourth census, together with the answers returned to that marshal by the Secretary of State. As the time within which the assistants of the marshals can legally make their returns expired on the first Monday of the present month, it would appear, by the information from the marshal at Richmond, that the completion of the fourth census, as it respects the eastern district of Virginia will have been defeated, not only as it regards the period contemplated by law, but, during the whole of the current year, unless Congress, to whom the case is submitted, should, by an act of the present session, allow further time for making the returns in question.

As connected with this subject, it is also submitted for the consideration of Congress, how far the marshals ought to be liable to the payment of postage on the conveyance of the papers concerning the census and manufactures by the mail. In one instance, it has been already ascertained that this item of contingent expense will amount to nearly a moiety of the compensation of the marshal for the whole of his services. If the marshals are to be relieved from this charge, provision will be necessary by law, either for the admission of it in their accounts, or the refunding of it by the respective postmasters.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, February 28, 1821.

Ordered, That the said message and documents be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting statements prepared in obedience to the act of the 2d of April, 1793, entitled "An act establishing a mint and regulating the coins of the United States;" which letter and statements were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Foot, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills and an enrolled resolution of the following titles, to wit:

"An act to establish the district of Pearl river."

"An act to reduce and fix the military peace establishment of the United States."

"An act for the relief of Joseph M'Neil."

"An act for the relief of Nicholas Jarrott."

"An act for the relief of Alexander Milne."

"An act for the relief of James Brady."

"An act for the relief of Lewis H. Guerlain."

"An act for the relief of Francis B. Languille."

"An act for the relief of John Rodriguez."

"An act for the relief of purchasers of the public lands prior to the 1st July, 1820."

"An act for the relief of Samuel Tucker, late a captain in the navy of the United States."

"An act to extend the charters of certain banks in the District of Columbia;" and

"A resolution for the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union on a certain condition;" and found the same to be truly enrolled. When

The Speaker signed the said bills and resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the payment of a sum of money to John Gooding and James Williams, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house to-day.

Mr. Butler, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act confirming the title of the Marquis de Maison Rouge," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Gabriel Berzat, deceased."

Mr. Rich, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit: "An act for passing to the credit of Nathaniel Allen certain moneys by him disbursed in the public service;" and "An act for the relief of J. L. B. Macarty;" reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the former of the said bills be read a third time to-day, and that the latter be committed to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act explanatory of the act for the relief of James Leander Cathcart," passed the 15th of May, 1820.

Mr. Southard, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was

referred bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit: "An act to continue in force for a further time the act, entitled 'An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes;" and, "An act to authorize the appointment of certain Indian agents;" reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the former of the said bills lie on the table, and that the latter be committed to a committee of the whole house to-morrow.

Mr. Cocke, from the committee to whom was referred, on the 26th of December last, a letter from the Secretary of War containing the documents and award relative to the transportation of troops, &c. in the expedition ordered up the Missouri river, to the mouth of the Yellow Stone, made a report thereon, which was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, of Virginia,

Resolved, That the Committee of Accounts be authorized and directed to make the same allowance for extra services to each person serving this House, as was granted at the end of the last session; and that there be allowed to the two assistant messengers, David Pancoast and Charles Cooper, the sum of fifty dollars each, for extra services.

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the consideration of all petitions and other matters referred to them during the present session, upon which they have not reported to the House.

Mr. Little submitted for consideration the following resolution, which was ordered to lie on the table till to-morrow.

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before this House, at the next session of Congress, a system of revenue that shall meet all the expenses of government without the aid of loans, and suggest such reductions, which, in his opinion, are least prejudicial to the public interest, as will bring the expenditures within the actual receipts of the Treasury.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Roads and Canals, and the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, made during the present session on the petition of John Good; and the said reports being read, it was

Ordered, That the petition of John Good be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instructions to report thereon to this House at the next session of Congress.

On motion of Mr. Livermore,

Ordered, That five hundred additional copies of the report of the Secretary of State on weights and measures be printed, of which one hundred copies shall be at the disposal of the Secretary, and the remainder distributed in the usual manner.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for passing to the credit of Nathaniel Allen certain moneys by him disbursed in the public service," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States;" when

A motion was made by Mr. Clark that the said bill lie on the table.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 62
Nays 65.

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot

Alexander

Archer, *Va.*

Baker

Baldwin

Ball

Barbour

Blackledge

Boden

Buffum

Butler, *Lou.*

Campbell

Cannon

Clark

Cobb

Cocke

Culbreth

Culpepper

Davidson

Dickinson

Edwards, *N. C.*

Mr. Fisher

Floyd

Garnett

Gray

Hooks

Hostetter

Jackson

Jones, *Ten.*

Kinsey

Lincoln

McCoy

McCreary

McLean, *Ken.*

Metcalf

R. Moore

T. L. Moore

Morton

Murray

Neale

Nelson, *Va.*

Newton

Mr. Parker, *Mass.*

Patterson

Phelps

Philson

Plumer

Rankin

Reid

Rhea

Ross

Settle

A. Smyth, *Va.*

Stevens

Swearingen

Terrell

Tucker, *Va.*

Tucker, *S. C.*

Wallace

Wendover

Williams, *Va.*

Williams, *N. C.*

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Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams

Allen, *Mass.*

Bloomfield

Brevard

Brush

Case

Cook

Cushman

Cuthbert

Dane

Darlington

Denison

Dewitt

Eddy

Edwards, *Con.*

Edwards, *Penn.*

Eustis

Fay

Folger

Foot

Ford

Forrest

Mr. Gorham

Gross, *N. Y.*

Guyon

Hall, *N. Y.*

Hemphill

Hendricks

Hill

Hobart

Johnson,

Kendall

Kinsley

Lathrop

Little

Livermore

Maclay

Mallary

Marchand

Meigs

Mercer

Monell

S. Moore

Moseley

Mr. Nelson, *Mass.*

Pitcher

Rich

Rogers

Sawyer

Sergeant

Silabee

Sloan

Smith, *N. J.*

Smith, *Md.*

Southard

Storrs

Street

Strong, *N. Y.*

Tracy

Udree

Upham

Van Rensselaer

Warfield

Whitman

Wood.....65

Mr. Hooks then moved that the first section of the said bill be stricken out; when

Mr. Cobb moved that the said bill lie on the table.

And the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas 65
Nays 58

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot

Alexander

Allen, *Tenn.*

Archer, *Va.*

Baldwin

Ball

Bateman

Blackledge

Boden

Brevard

Bryan

Buffum

Butler, *N. H.*

Campbell

Cannon

Clagett

Clark

Cobb

Cocke

Crawford

Culbreth

Culpepper

Mr. Earle

Edwards, *N. C.*

Floyd

Ford

Garnett

Gray

Hardin

Herrick

Hibshman

Hooks

Hostetter

Jackson

Johnson

Jones, *Va.*

Jones, *Tenn.*

Kinsey

Lincoln

McCoy

McCreary

McLean, *Ken.*

R. Moore

T. L. Moore

Mr. Morton

Neale

Nelson, *Va.*

Newton

Parker, *Mass.*

Patterson

Phelps

Philson

Rankin

Reid

Rhea

Richards

Settle

A Smyth, *Va.*

Stevens

Swearingen

Tucker, *Va.*

Tucker, *S. C.*

Wallace

Williams, *Va.*

Williams, *N. C.*

65

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Allen, *Mass.*

Allen, *N. Y.*

Archer, *Md.*

Bayly

Beecher

Bloomfield

Brush

Case

Cushman

Dane

Darlington

Denison

Eddy

Edwards, *Con.*

Edwards, *Pen.*

Eustis

Fay

Mr. Folger

Forrest

Fuller

Gorham

Gross, *N. Y.*

Guyon

Hall, *N. Y.*

Hill

Hobart

Kendall,

Livermore,

MacLay

Marchand

Meigs

Mercer

Monell

Montgomery

Mr. S. Moore

Nelson, *Mass.*

Pitcher

Rich

Rogers

Russ

Sawyer

Sergeant,

Silabee

Simkins

Sloan

Smith, *N. J.*

Smith, *Md.*

Storrs

Street

Strong, *N. F.*

Tomlinson

Mr. Tompkins
Tracy
Udree

Mr. Van Rensselaer Mr. Wood.....58
Wendover
Whitman

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate concur in the amendments proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of purchasers of public lands prior to the 1st of July, 1820." They have postponed indefinitely the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force an act, entitled 'An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war, and for other purposes.'" They have passed bills of this House of the following titles, to wit: "An act for the relief of the family of the late Oliver Hazard Perry, Esq.;" "An act for the relief of Rosalie P. Deslonde;" "An act for extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army;" "An act for the relief of Pierre Denis de la Ronde;" "An act for the relief of Bartholomew Duverge;" "An act to authorize the President of the United States to remove the land office in the district of Lawrence county, in the territory of Arkansas;" "An act to alter the times of holding the district court in the northern district of New York;" "An act confirming the location of the seat of government of the state of Illinois, and for other purposes;" and, "An act further to regulate the entry of merchandise imported into the United States from any adjacent territory;" with amendments to the latter. And they have passed bills of the following titles, viz: "An act to extend the time for unloading vessels arriving from foreign ports in certain cases;" "An act to authorize the reconveyance of a tract of land to the city of New York;" "An act to establish a new land office in the state of Mississippi, and for the better regulation of certain land districts in the states of Alabama and Mississippi;" and "An act to extend the term of Samuel Parker's patents for his improvement in currying and finishing leather of all kinds;" in which amendments and bills they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act further to regulate the entry of merchandise imported into the United States from any adjacent territory," were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to extend the time for unloading vessels arriving from foreign ports in certain cases," was read the first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Sergeant, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States to sell and convey a certain tract of land in Northumberland county, in the state of Virginia; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of the number and tonnage of British and American vessels cleared from ports of the United States for Bermuda, the Bahamas, and the British West India Islands, during the years 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819, and 1820, rendered in obedience to a resolution of the House of the 20th of December, 1820; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the reconveyance of a tract of land in the city of New York," was read the first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to establish a new land office in the state of Mississippi, and for the better regulation of certain land districts in the states of Alabama and Mississippi," was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to extend the term of Samuel Parker's patents for his improvement in currying and finishing leather of all kinds," was also read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, to wit: "An act to release French ships and vessels entering the ports of the United States prior to the 30th September, 1820, from the operation of the act, entitled 'An act to impose a new tonnage duty on French ships and vessels, and for other purposes,'" and "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1821;" with an amendment to each. They have also passed bills of the following titles, to wit: "An act for the relief of William Whitehead and others;" "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to provide for taking the fourth census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States, and for other purposes,'" and "An act to authorize the President of the United States to take possession of East and West Florida, and establish a temporary government therein;" in which amendments and bills they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States for the year 1821; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edwards, of Connecticut, reported that the committee had made some progress therein, but finding a quorum of members not attending, the committee had risen, and directed him to report the fact to the House.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 2, 1821.

Mr. Bateman presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of New Jersey, praying for the establishment of a post route; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Foot, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did yesterday present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, enrolled bills, and an enrolled resolution, of the following titles, to wit:

“An act to establish the District of Pearl river;”

“An act to reduce and fix the military peace establishment of the United States;”

“An act for the relief of Joseph McNeil;”

“An act for the relief of Nicholas Jarrott;”

“An act for the relief of Alexander Milne;”

“An act for the relief of James Brady;”

“An act for the relief of Lewis H. Guerlain;”

“An act for the relief of Francis B. Languille;”

“An act for the relief of John Rodriguez;”

“An act for the relief of Samuel Tucker, late a captain in the navy of the United States;”

“An act for the relief of the purchasers of public lands prior to the first day of July, 1820;”

“An act to extend the charters of certain banks in the District of Columbia;” and

“A resolution for the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union on a certain condition.”

Mr. Darlington, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

“An act extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army;”

“An act for the relief of Pierre Denis De La Ronde;”

“An act for the relief of Rosalie P. Deslonde;”

“An act authorizing the President of the United States to remove the Land Office in the district of Laurence county, in the territory of Arkansas;”

“An act for the relief of the family of the late Oliver Hazard Perry, Esq.;

“An act confirming the location of the seat of government of the state of Illinois, and for other purposes;”

“An act to alter the times of holding the district court in the northern district of New York;”

“An act for the relief of Bartholomew Duvergé;” and

“An act further to regulate the entry of merchandise imported into the United States from any adjacent territory;” and found the same to be truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavorable report on the petition of Reuben Durant; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Nelson, of Va. from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled “An act for the

adjudication and payment of claims under the treaty of amity, settlement, and limits, between the United States and his Catholic majesty," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

Mr. Sergeant, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to extend the term of Samuel Parker's patents for his improvement in currying and finishing leather of all kinds," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Sergeant, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the clerk of the district court of the United States for the district of Louisiana, to appoint a deputy to aid him in the discharge of the duties of his office," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

Mr. Forrest, from the committee to which was referred the letter of P. S. Chazotte, and the accompanying pamphlet, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means; the Committee on Private Land Claims; and the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads; be severally discharged from the consideration of all petitions, and other matters to them, respectively, referred at the present session, upon which they have not reported to the House.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petition of James Byers; and that leave be given to withdraw the said petition and documents.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Resolved, That the Clerk be directed to pay out, of the funds of the House, to the assistant in his office from the period at which he was last paid by order of the House, to the end of the present session, and at the *lowest* rate of compensation allowed to clerks employed in his office.

Mr. Mallary submitted for consideration the following joint resolution, viz:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he hereby is, authorized to restore to the pension list any person who may have been, or who shall be, stricken from the pension list, on the evidence of such person's schedule agreeably to the act of the 1st of May, 1820, in addition to the pension law of the 18th March, 1818, whenever the Secretary of War shall be satisfied, by other or additional evidence, that such person is in such reduced circumstances as to come within the provisions of the aforesaid acts.

The said resolution was read the first time, and opposition being made thereto,

The question was stated, Shall it be rejected? When it was,

On motion of Mr. Williams, of North Carolina,

Ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Little,

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him yesterday; and the same being again read:

Mr. Cobb moved to amend the same by striking out these words: "Revenue that shall meet all the expenses of government without the aid of loans, and suggest such;" when

Mr. Johnson moved that the said resolution lie on the table.

And the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative.

The amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1821," was read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered that the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to release French ships and vessels, entering the ports of the United States prior to the 30th September, 1820, from the operation of the act, entitled "An act to impose a new tonnage duty on French ships and vessels, and for other purposes," was read; and

A motion was made by Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, to amend the same by striking out the word *dominions*, and inserting the word *territories*; which being negatived,

The question was taken to concur in the said amendment,

And passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to provide for taking the fourth census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States,'" was read the first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was, accordingly, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of William Whitehead and others," was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-day.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to take possession of East and West Florida, and establish a temporary government therein," was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the clerk of the district court of the United States for the district of Louisiana to appoint a deputy to aid him in the discharge of the duties of his office," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States to sell and convey a certain tract of land in Northumberland county, in the state of Virginia," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the "Resolution authorizing the President of the United States to cause astronomical observations to be made to ascertain the longitude of the Capitol in the city of Washington, from some known meridian in Europe." And they have passed bills of this House of the following titles, viz: "An act for the relief of John Webster;" "An act to authorize the collectors of the customs to pay debentures issued on the exportation of loaf sugar, and spirits distilled from molasses;" "An act making appropriations for the public buildings;" and "An act to alter and establish certain post roads;" with amendments to the two latter. They have also passed bills of the following titles, viz: "An act supplemental to an act, entitled 'An act to authorize the appointment of commissioners to lay out the road therein mentioned;'" "An act to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States within the state of Missouri;" "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed the 2d of March, 1799;" and "An act to revive and continue in force 'An act fixing the compensations of the Secretary of the Senate, and Clerk of the House of Representatives, of the Clerks employed in their offices, and the Librarian;' approved the 18th of April, 1818;" in which amendments and bills they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the conveyance of a tract of land to the city of New York," was read the third time; and, being on its passage,

A motion was made by Mr. Foot, that the said bill lie on the table; which being negatived,

Mr. Warfield moved that it be postponed indefinitely: When,

Mr. Cocke moved that the said bill lie on the table; which motion was again negatived.

And the question was taken, Shall it be postponed indefinitely?

And passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to alter and establish certain post roads," were read, and referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the public buildings," were read, and committed to a committee of the whole to day.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the said amendments; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, reported their agreement thereto.

The said amendments were then again read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act supplemental to an act,

entitled "An act to authorize the appointment of commissioners to lay out the road therein mentioned," was read the first time; and, opposition being made thereto,

The question was stated, Shall the said bill be rejected? When it was,

On motion of Brush,

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

The bill from the Senate, entitled: "An act to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States within the state of Missouri," was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-day.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed the 2d day of March, 1799, was read the first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force 'An act fixing the compensations of the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives, of the Clerks employed in their offices, and the Librarian,'" approved the 18th of April, 1818, was read the first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was, accordingly, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Gouverneur, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to establish the District of Pearl river;"

"An act to reduce and fix the military peace establishment of the United States;"

"An act for the relief of Joseph M. Neil;"

"An act for the relief of Nicholas Jarrot;"

"An act for the relief of Alexander Milne;"

"An act for the relief of James Brady;"

"An act for the relief of Lewis H. Guerlain;"

"An act for the relief of Francis B. Languille;"

"An act for the relief of John Rodriguez;" and

"A resolution providing for the admission of the state of Missouri into the Union on a certain condition."

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Livermore, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to which was referred the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to alter and establish certain post roads," reported the agreement of the committee to those amendments.

The question was then taken, that the House concur in the said amendments,

And passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have received official information that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign "An act for the relief of the purchasers of public lands, prior to the 1st day of July, 1820;" "An act to extend the charters of certain banks in the District of Columbia;" and "An act for the relief of Samuel Tucker, late a captain in the navy of the United States." They have passed the "Resolution providing for jails in certain cases for the safe custody of persons committed under the authority of the United States;" and bills, of this House of the following titles, viz: "An act authorizing the Secretary of State to issue a patent to Thomas Oxley;" "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States to sell and convey a certain tract of land in Northumberland county, in the state of Virginia;" "An act authorizing the President of the United States to establish a port of entry in the district of Sandusky, in the state of Ohio; and for other purposes;" "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1821;" and "An act to authorize the building of light-houses on Cross and Pond islands, in the harbor of Booth Bay, and at the mouth of Oswego river; and placing buoys on the shoals of Nantucket and Vineyard Sound, near the harbor of Wickford, and on the Altamaha river, and for other purposes," with amendments to the three latter; in which amendments they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That the bill making appropriations for the military establishment of the United States for the year 1821, be committed to the committee of the whole House on the state of the Union.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edwards, of Connecticut, reported that the committee of the whole had, according to order, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and directed him to report the bill making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1821, with amendments; which were read and concurred in, except that which proposed to add to the said bill the following item, viz:

"For discharging arrearages incurred in building the arsenal at Augusta, in Georgia, forty thousand dollars?"

The question was also taken to concur in the said item,

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas 66
Nays 48

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Alexander	Mr. Baldwin	Mr. Bryan
Allen, Mass.	Barbour	Campbell
Allen, N. Y.	Blackledge	Clark
Archer, Md.	Bloomfield	Cobb
Baker	Brush	Cook

Mr. Crowell	Mr. Kent	Mr. Rich
Cushman	Kinsey	Robertson
Cuthbert	Little	Rogers
Dane	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Sawyer
Eddy	Meigs	Settle
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Montgomery	Silsbee
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	S. Moore	Simkins
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Moseley	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Floyd	Neale	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Folger	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Ford	Newton	Street
Fuller	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>	Strong, <i>N. Y.</i>
Gorham	Pitcher	Swearingen
Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Plumer	Terrell
Hackley	Rankin	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Hemphill	Reid	Udree
Johnson	Rhea	Walker.....66

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Mr. R. Moore
Allen, <i>Tenn.</i>	Hardin	T. L. Moore
Bail	Hibshman	Murray
Bateman	Hobart	Patterson
Boden	Hooks	Philson
Buffum	Hostetter	Richards
Case	Jackson	Richmond
Cocke	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Ross
Culbreth	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Russ
Denison	Lathrop	Sloan
Earle	Lincoln	Stevens
Fay	MacLay	Strong, <i>Vt.</i>
Foot	McCoy	Tracy
Forrest	McCreary	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Gray	Mallary	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Guyon	Metcalf	Williams, <i>N. C.</i> 48

Mr. Butler, of Louisiana, then moved further to amend the said bill, by inserting in that part thereof containing the appropriations for fortifications, the following items, viz:

"For Mobile Point, thirty thousand dollars; for Dauphin Island, thirty thousand dollars."

A division of the question on this amendment was called for by Mr. Smith, of Maryland. Whereupon,

The question was put to agree to so much thereof as relates to Mobile Point,

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas 68
Nays 43

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Eddy	Mr. Newton
Alexander	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Eustis	Pitcher
Anderson	Fay	Rankin
Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Ford	Reid
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Fuller	Rhea
Baldwin	Gorham	Rich
Ball	Gray	Robertson
Barbour	Hackley	Rogers
Blackledge	Hobart	Sawyer
Bloomfield	Jackson	SilSBee
Brush	Johnson	Simkins
Bryan	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Butler, <i>Lon.</i>	Kent	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Cannon	Kinsey	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Case	Little	Stevens
Clark	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Swearingen
Cook	Meigs	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Crowell	R. Moore	Udree
Cushman	S. Moore	Walker
Cathbert	Murray	Wendover
Dane	Neale	Wood.....68
Denison	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Hardin	Mr. Patterson
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Hendricks	Plumer
Bateman	Hooks	Richards
Beecher	Hestetter	Richmond
Buffum	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Ross
Cooke	Lathrop	Russ
Crawford	Lincoln	Sloan
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	Maclay	Strong, <i>Fl.</i>
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	McCoy	Tomlinson
Floyd	McCreary	Tracy
Foot	Mallery	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Forrest	Metcalf	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Monell	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Guyon	T. L. Moore	
Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Moseley	43

The question was then taken on agreeing to the residue of the said amendment.

And determined in the negative, { Yeas 31
Nays 85

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Archer, <i>Md.</i>	Mr. Baldwin
Anderson	Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Ball

Mr. Bloomfield	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Reid
Brevard	Johnson	Robertson
Brus	Little	Sawyer
Butter, <i>Lou.</i>	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Sergeant
Crawford	Montgomery	Simkins
Crowell	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>	Smith, <i>N. J.</i>
Cushman	Newton	Swearingen
Cuthbert	Pitcher	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>31
Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>		

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Adams	Mr. Gorham	Mr. Murray
Allen, <i>Mass.</i>	Gray	Neale
Allen, <i>N. Y.</i>	Gross, <i>N. Y.</i>	Parker, <i>Mass.</i>
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Guyon	Patterson
Barbour	Hackley	Philson
Bateman	Hall, <i>N. Y.</i>	Plumer
Beecher	Hardin	Rick
Blackledge	Hemphill	Richards
Bryan	Hill	Richmond
Buffum	Hobart	Rogers
Cannon	Hooks	Ross
Case	Hostetter	Russ
Clark	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Sloan
Cobb	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Smith, <i>Md.</i>
Cocke	Kendall	A. Smyth, <i>Va.</i>
Cook	Kent	Stevens
Culpepper	Lathrop	Street
Dane	Lincoln	Strong, <i>N.</i>
Denison	Livermore	Tomlinson
Eddy	Maclay	Tracy
Edwards, <i>Con.</i>	McCoy	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Edwards, <i>Pen.</i>	McCreary	Udree
Fay	Mallary	Walker
Floyd	Meigs	Wendover
Folger	Monell	Whitman
Foot	S. Moore	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Ford	T. L. Moore	Williams, <i>N. C.</i>
Forrest	Moseley	Wood.....85
Fuller		

The said bill was then further amended, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to day.

Mr. Foot, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

“An act extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants to officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army;”

“An act for the relief of Pierre Denis de la Ronde;”

"An act for the relief of Rosalia P. Deslonde;"

"An act authorizing the President of the United States to remove the land office in the district of Lawrence county, in the territory of Arkansas;"

"An act for the relief of the family of the late Oliver Hazard Perry, esquire;"

"An act confirming the location of the seat of government of the state of Illinois, and for other purposes;"

"An act to alter the times of holding the district court in the northern district of New York;"

"An act for the relief of Bartholomew Duverge;" and

"An act further to regulate the entry of merchandise imported into the United States from any adjacent territory."

A message was then received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Gouverneur, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the enrolled bills, the presentation of which is above reported.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Foot, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee had examined enrolled bills, and an enrolled resolution, of the following titles, to wit:

"An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1821;"

"An act for the relief of John Webster;"

"An act to release French ships and vessels entering the ports of the United States, prior to the 30th September, 1820, from the operation of the act, entitled 'An act to impose a new tonnage duty on French ships and vessels, and for other purposes;'"

"An act to authorize the collectors of the customs to pay debentures issued on the exportation of loaf sugar, and spirits distilled from molasses;"

"An act making appropriations for the public buildings;" and

"A resolution authorizing the President of the United States to cause astronomical observations to be made to ascertain the longitude of the Capitol in the City of Washington, from some known meridian in Europe;" and found the same to be truly enrolled: When

The Speaker signed the said bills and resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of the payments to inspectors, weighers, gaugers, measurers, and markers, employed by the collectors of the customs in the years 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819, and 1820, so far as the returns have been received; which letter and statement were ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 3, 1821.

Mr. Foot, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills, and an enrolled resolution, of the following titles, viz:

"An act for passing to the credit of Nathaniel Allen certain moneys by him disbursed in the public service;"

"An act to extend the time for unloading vessels arriving from foreign ports, in certain cases;"

"An act to authorize the clerk of the district court of the United States for the district of Louisiana, to appoint a deputy to aid him in the discharge of the duties of his office;"

"An act to alter and establish certain post roads;"

"An act authorizing the Secretary of State to issue a patent to Thomas Oxley;"

"An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States to sell and convey a certain tract of land in Northumberland county, in the state of Virginia;"

"An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to provide for taking the fourth census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States, and for other purposes;'"

"An act to revive and continue in force 'An act fixing the compensation of the Secretary of the Senate, and Clerk of the House of Representatives, of the Clerks employed in their offices, and of the Librarian,'" approved the 18th day of April, 1818; and,

"A resolution providing for jails, in certain cases, for the safe custody of persons committed under the authority of the United States;" and found the same to be truly enrolled. When

The Speaker signed the said bills and resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petitions and papers of Garret Putman, and Rundie & Ella.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,'" passed the 2d day of March, 1799, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication, viz:

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR: We have the pleasure of informing you, that, in the case of Anderson vs. Dunn (with the defence of which we had the honor to be charged on behalf of the House of Representatives,) the supreme court has fully affirmed the power of the House, sui juris, to vindicate its own privileges against every attack of violence or fraud, necessarily tending to control the freedom, or taint the purity of legislative deliberation.

The interest so justly manifested by the House, in the issue of this important question, has induced us to communicate, without delay, the determination of the court, in order that it may be known to the House before its approaching separation.

We have the honor to be, with the highest respect,

Sir,

Your obedient servants,

*W.M. WIRT,
W. JONES.*

Washington, 2d March, 1821,

The said letter was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Storrs, from the Committee on Expenditures in the Department of State, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Public Lands, the Committee of Claims, and the Committee on Naval Affairs, be discharged from the further consideration of all petitions and other matters to them respectively referred at the present session, upon which they have not reported to the House.

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Richard W. Meade, and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Swearingen, from the select committee, to which was referred the petition of Catharine Wager, and others, made a report thereon, accompanied with a bill for the relief of the widow and children of John Wager, junior, deceased; which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed Mr. Knight of the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills on their part, in the place of Mr. Morrill, excused. They have passed the bill of this House, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert Buntin," with amendments; in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said amendments were read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the building of eight houses on Cross and Pond Islands, in the harbor of Booth Bay, and at the mouth of Oswego river, and placing buoys on the shoals of Nantucket and Vineyard sound, near the harbor of Wickford, and on the Altamaha river, and for other purposes," were read, and committed to a committee of the whole to-day.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the said amendments; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hill reported the agreement of the committee to the said amendments.

The said amendments were then again read, and concurred in by the House, together with that proposed to the title thereof.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1821," were read, and committed to a committee of the whole to-day.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the said amendments; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, reported the agreement of the committee to the same.

The said amendments were then again read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to establish a port of entry in the district of Sandusky, in the state of Ohio," were read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1821," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to extend the term of Samuel Parker's patents for his improvement in currying and finishing leather of all kinds," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to establish an additional land office in the territory of Michigan, be discharged from the consideration of the same, and that it be engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Gouverneur, his Secretary; which was read, and is as follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

I communicate to the two Houses of Congress copies of a treaty this day ratified on the part of the United States, concluded and signed at the Indian Springs, on the 8th of January last, with the Creek nation of Indians, in order to such legislative measures as may be necessary for giving effect to it.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, 2d March, 1821.

Ordered, That the said message lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to regulate the location of land warrants, and the issuing of patents

in certain cases," with amendments; in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act for the gradual increase of the navy of the United States:"

The second section whereof is in the words following, viz:

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, instead of the appropriation therein contained, there shall be, and is hereby appropriated the sum of five hundred thousand dollars per annum for *six* years from the year 1821, inclusive, *to be applied to carry into effect the purposes of the said act.*

Mr. Barbour moved to amend the said second section by striking out the word *six*, and inserting in lieu thereof the word *three*; to strike out the words "*to be applied to carry into effect the purposes of the said act,*" and to add to the section the following words, viz:

"To be applied to the purchase of the remaining materials necessary for the construction of the ships authorized by the said act, and to their construction so far as to frame, plank, bolt, and stay them, and their preservation by the erection of houses over them; and any balance thereof which may remain after the completion of these objects to be applied to the equipment of said vessels:"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 66
Nays 67

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Abbot	Mr. Hall, N. F.	Mr. Rich
Adams	Hardin	Richards
Alexander	Herrick	Richmond
Allen, Tenn.	Hibshman	Rogers
Barbour	Hooks	Ross
Blackledge	Hostetter	Russ
Boden	Jackson	Sawyer
Brevard	Johnson	Settle
Bryan	Jones, Ten.	Sloan
Cannon	Kendall	Southard
Cobb	Kinsey	Stevens
Cocke	Maclay	Strong, Vt.
Culpepper	McCoy	Swearingen
Earle	McCreary	Tracy
Edwards, N. C.	McLean, Ken.	Tucker, S. C.
Floyd	R. Moore	Udree
Foot	T. L. Moore	Upham
Ford	Murray	Walker
Forrest	Nelson, Va.	Wallace
Garnett	Patterson	Warfield
Gray	Philson	Williams, Va.
Guyon	Rbea	Williams, N. C. 66

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Allen, *Mass.*

Allen, *N. Y.*

Anderson

Archer, *Va.*

Baker

Baldwin

Ball

Bayly

Bloomfield

Brush

Buffum

Butler, *Lou.*

Campbell

Case

Clark

Cook

Culbreth

Cushman

Cuthbert

Dane

Darlington

Dewitt

Mr. Dickinson

Eddy

Edwards, *Con.*

Edwards, *Pen.*

Eustis

Fay

Folger

Fuller

Gorham

Gross, *N. Y.*

Hackley

Hendricks

Hill

Kent

Lathrop

Lincoln

Little

Mallary

Meigs

Mercer

Montgomery

S. Moore

Mr. Moseley

Nelson, *Mass.*

Newton

Pinckney

Pitcher

Plumer

Rankin

Reid

Robertson

Sergeant

Silsbee

Smith, *N. J.*

Smith, *Md.*

Storrs

Street

Strong, *N. Y.*

Tomlinson

Tompkins

Tucker, *Va.*

Wendover

Whitman

Wood.....67

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

A motion was made by Mr. Sergeant that the House do now proceed to consider the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States."

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 58
Nays 70

The yeas and nays being required by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Allen, *Mass.*

Allen, *N. Y.*

Bayly

Bloomfield

Brush

Case

Crowell

Cushman

Darlington

Dewitt

Eddy

Edwards, *Con.*

Edwards, *Pen.*

Fay

Folger

Foot

Mr. Forrest

Gorham

Gross, *N. Y.*

Guyon

Hackley

Hall, *N. Y.*

Hemphill

Hendricks

Hill

Hobart

Kendall

Lathrop

Little

Meigs

Mercer

Montgomery

Mr. S. Moore

Moseley

Nelson, *Mass.*

Pitcher

Rich

Richmond

Robertson

Rogers

Russ

Sawyer

Sergeant

Silsbee

Sloan

Smith, *N. J.*

Smith, *Md.*

Storrs

Mr. Street	Mr. Tracy	Whitman
Strong, <i>N. F.</i>	Udree	Wood.....58
Tomlinson	Upham	
Tompkins	Warfield	
Those who voted in the negative, are,		
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Dickinson	Mr. Murray
Adams	Earle	Nelson, <i>Va.</i>
Alexander	Edwards, <i>N. C.</i>	Newton
Allen, <i>Ten.</i>	Floyd	Patterson
Archer, <i>Va.</i>	Ford	Philson
Baker	Gray	Plumer
Baldwin	Hardin	Rankin
Ball	Herrick	Rhea
Barbour	Hibshman	Richards
Blackledge	Hooks	Ross
Boden	Hostetter	Settle
Brevard	Jackson	Simkins
Bryan	Johnson	Stevens
Buffum	Jones, <i>Va.</i>	Swearingen
Butler, <i>Lou.</i>	Jones, <i>Ten.</i>	Terrell
Campbell	Kent	Tucker, <i>Va.</i>
Cannon	Kinsey,	Tucker, <i>S. C.</i>
Clark	Lincoln	Walker
Cobb	Maclay	Wallace
Cocke	McCoy	Wendover
Crawford	McCreary	Williams, <i>Va.</i>
Culbreth	McLean, <i>Ken.</i>	Williams, <i>N. C.</i> 70
Dane	Metcalf	
Davidson	R. Moore	

Mr. Foot, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, enrolled bills, and enrolled resolutions, of the following titles, viz:

“An act to alter and establish certain post roads;”

“An act for passing to the credit of Nathaniel Allen certain moneys by him disbursed in the public service;”

“An act to extend the time for unlading vessels arriving from foreign ports, in certain cases;”

“An act to authorize the clerk of the district court of the United States for the district of Louisiana to appoint a deputy to aid him in the discharge of the duties of his office;”

“An act to amend the act, entitled ‘An act to provide for taking the fourth census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States, and for other purposes;’”

“An act to revive and continue in force ‘An act fixing the compensation of the Secretary of the Senate, and Clerk of the House of Representatives, of the Clerks employed in their offices, and of the Librarian,’ approved the 18th of April, 1818;”

“An act to authorize the Secretary of State to issue a patent to Thomas Oxley;”

"An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States to sell and convey a certain tract of land in Northumberland county, in the state of Virginia;"

"An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1821;"

"An act for the relief of John Webster;"

"An act to release French ships and vessels, entering the ports of the United States prior to the 30th September, 1820, from the operation of the act, entitled 'An act to impose a new tonnage duty on French ships and vessels, and for other purposes;'"

"An act to authorize the collectors of customs to pay debentures issued on the exportation of loaf sugar, and spirits distilled from molasses;"

"An act making appropriations for the public buildings;"

"Resolution authorizing the President of the United States to cause astronomical observations to be made to ascertain the longitude of the Capitol in the City of Washington from some known meridian in Europe;"

"Resolution providing for jails in certain cases for the safe custody of persons committed under the authority of the United States."

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to regulate the location of warrants, and the issuing of patents in certain cases," were read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Cocke submitted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That this House will forthwith proceed to ballot for a printer to execute its work during the next Congress, according to the provisions of the resolution "directing the manner in which the printing of Congress shall be executed; fixing the prices thereof, and providing for the appointment of a printer or printers," passed on the 3d day of March, 1819.

The said resolution being read,

Mr. Sergeant moved that it lie on the table; which being negatived,

The question was taken to agree thereto,

And passed in the affirmative.

The House then proceeded to the election of a printer or printers pursuant to the said resolution and, upon examining the ballots, it was found that Gales and Seaton were duly elected.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Darlington, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

"An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1821;"

"An act to authorize the President of the United States to establish a port of entry in the district of Sandusky, in the state of Ohio, and for other purposes;"

"An act to authorize the building of light houses therein mentioned, and for other purposes;" and

"An act for the relief of Robert Buntin."

Ordered that the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the bill to amend an act, entitled **"An act for regulating process in the courts of the United States:"** whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lathrop reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to no resolution thereon.

And then the House adjourned until five o'clock, P. M.

FIVE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mr. Phelps, from the committee appointed on the 19th December to investigate the concerns of the Post Office Department, made a further report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

"An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act for the gradual increase of the navy of the United States;'" and

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act for regulating process in the courts of the United States:'" were severally read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

An engrossed bill, entitled **"An act to establish an additional land office in the territory of Michigan,"** was read the third time; when

Mr. Ross moved that it lie on the table; which motion being negatived,

The question was taken, Shall the said bill pass?

And passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Gouverneur, his Secretary, notifying that the President did this day approve and sign

"An act making making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1821;"

"An act for the relief of John Webster;"

"An act to release French ships and vessels, entering the ports of the United States prior to the 30th of September, 1820, from the operation of the act, entitled 'An act to impose a new tonnage duty on French ships and vessels, and for other purposes;'"

"An act to authorize the collectors of customs to pay debentures issued on the exportation of loaf sugar, and spirits distilled from molasses;"

"An act making appropriations for the public buildings;"

"An act authorizing the Secretary of State to issue a patent to Thomas Oxley;"

"An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States to sell and convey a certain tract of land in Northumberland county, in the state of Virginia;"

"An to alter and establish certain post roads;"

"A resolution providing for jails in certain cases for the safe custody of persons committed under the authority of the United States;" and

"A resolution authorizing the President of the United States to cause astronomical observations to be made to ascertain the longitude of the Capitol in the City of Washington from some known meridian in Europe."

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lathrop reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and directed him to report the bill thereto committed on the 27th February ultimo, for carrying into execution the treaty between the United States and Spain, concluded at Washington the 22d of February, 1819, with several amendments; which were read, and concurred in by the House.

The bill was then further amended; and

A motion was made by Mr. Allen, of Mass. further to amend the same by inserting after the word *territories*, where it first occurs in the second section, these words: "*not incompatible with the constitution and laws of the United States*;" so that the civil, military, and judicial powers exercised by the Spanish authorities within the territories of East and West Florida, and which are established by the said bill for the government of said territories until otherwise provided, shall "not be incompatible with the constitution and laws of the United States."

And the question being taken to agree to this amendment,

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

Mr. Darlington, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

"An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1821;"

"An act to establish a port of entry in the district of Sandusky, in the state of Ohio, and for other purposes;"

"An act to authorize the building of light houses therein mentioned, and for other purposes;" and

"An act for the relief of Robert Buntin."

Mr. Darlington, from the same committee, also reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

"An act to regulate the location of land warrants, and the issuing of patents in certain cases;"

"An act to extend the term of Samuel Parker's patents for his improvement in currying and finishing leather of all kinds;" and found the same to be truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cobb reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and directed him to report the bill thereto committed on the 26th of February ultimo, to authorize the President of the United States to borrow a sum not exceeding four millions five hundred thousand dollars, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Gouverneur, his Secretary, notifying, that the President did, this day, approve and sign

"An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1821;"

"An act to establish a port of entry in the district of Sandusky, in the state of Ohio, and for other purposes;"

"An act to authorize the building of light houses therein mentioned, and for other purposes;" and,

"An act for the relief of Robert Buntin."

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act for carrying into execution the treaty between the United States and Spain, concluded at Washington, the 22d of February, 1819;" and,

"An act to authorize the President of the United States to borrow a sum not exceeding four million five hundred thousand dollars;" were severally read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Clay, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of this House be given to the honorable John W. Taylor, for the assiduity, promptitude, and ability, with which he has administered the duties of the chair.

A motion was made by Mr. Edwards, of North Carolina, that the several orders of the day which precede the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States within the state of Missouri," be postponed for the purpose of taking that bill into consideration. This motion was negatived by the House.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill to continue in force an act, entitled "An act regulating the currency within the United States of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain," passed the 29th day of April,

1816, so far as the same relates to the crowns and five franc pieces of France, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

The House proceeded to consider the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of General Robert Swartwout;" Whereupon, it was

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole House to-day.

The House then, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the said bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hill reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Shields, and others;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hill reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time. When,

A motion was made by Mr. Tracy, that it be postponed indefinitely; which motion being negatived,

The question was taken, Shall the said bill pass?

And passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to continue in force an act, entitled 'An act regulating the currency within the United States of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain,' passed the 29th day of April, 1816, so far as the same relates to the crowns and five franc pieces of France," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to establish the salaries of the commissioners and agents appointed under the treaty of Ghent; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, reported the same with sundry amendments; which were read, and concurred in by the House; and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have elected Gales & Seaton printers, on their part, in pursuance of the resolution of Congress of the 3d of March, 1819. They have passed the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1821," with an amendment, in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill "making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1821," were read, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-day.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the said amendments; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, reported their disagreement to the same.

The question was then taken to concur with the committee of the whole in their disagreement to the said amendments,

And passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, viz: "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act for regulating process in the courts of the United States;'" and "An act to continue in force an act, entitled 'An act regulating the currency within the United States of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain,' passed on the 29th day of April, 1816, so far as the same relates to the crowns and five franc pieces of France," with an amendment to the latter, in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Another message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, viz: "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act for the gradual increase of the navy of the United States;'" and "An act to authorize the President of the United States to borrow a sum not exceeding four millions five hundred thousand dollars," with amendments to the latter; in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Foot, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to regulate the location of land warrants, and the issuing of patents in certain cases;"

"An act to extend the term of Samuel Parker's patents for his improvement in currying and finishing leather of all kinds."

Mr. Foot, from the same committee, also reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

"An act concerning Thomas Shields and others;" and,

"An act for the relief of General Robert Swartwout;" and found the same to be truly enrolled. When

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act establishing the salaries of the commissioners and agents appointed under the treaty of Ghent," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to borrow a sum not exceeding four millions five hundred thousand dollars;" and, the same being read the first and second time, were disagreed to.

That portion of the said bill to which the third amendment proposed by the Senate applies, reads thus, viz: "reimbursable at the will of the government, and at the will of the creditor, at any time after the first day of January, 1835."

The third amendment of the Senate proposes to strike out the words, and at the will of the creditor.

Mr. Barbour moved to amend the said third amendment so as to make the aforesaid clause in the bill read thus: "reimbursable at the will of the government at any time before the first day of January, 1835; and at the will either of the government or the creditor, at any time after that period."

And, the question being taken to agree to this amendment, It was determined in the negative. And,

The said third amendment was then concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate *insist* on their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military service of the United States for the year 1821," except the latter part of the last of the said amendments, from which latter part they recede. The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for carrying into execution the treaty between the United States and Spain, concluded at Washington, the 22d of February, 1819." And then he withdrew,

Mr. Foot, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

"An act for the relief of Thomas Shields, and others;" and,

"An act for the relief of General Robert Swartwout."

Mr. Foot, from the same committee, also reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act for regulating process in the courts of the United States;'"

"An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act for the gradual increase of the navy of the United States;'" and found the same to be truly enrolled: When

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the message from the Senate informing this House that they insist on certain of their amendments to

the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1821." Whereupon, it was,

On motion of Mr. Hardin,

Resolved, That this House doth *insist* on their disagreement to the amendments aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force an act, entitled 'An act regulating the currency within the United States of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain,' passed on the 29th day of April, 1816, so far as the same relates to the crowns and five franc pieces of France," was read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A motion was made by Mr. Cannon, that the several orders of the day which precede the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the officers and volunteers engaged in the late campaign against the Seminole Indians," be postponed for the purpose of taking that bill into consideration.

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Gouverneur, his Secretary, as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

The treaty concluded between the United States and the Kickapoo tribe of Indians, on the 30th of July, 1820, having been ratified, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, I now lay a copy of the said treaty before the House of Representatives, in order to such legislative provisions being made as may be necessary to carry into effect the stipulations therein contained, on the part of the United States.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, March 3, 1821.

Ordered, That the said message lie on the table.

Mr. Gouverneur also notified the House, that the President did, this day, approve and sign "An act to regulate the location of land warrants, and the issuing of patents in certain cases;"

"An act to continue in force an act, entitled 'An act regulating the currency within the United States of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain,' passed the 29th day of April, 1816, so far as the same relates to the crowns and five franc pieces of France;" and,

"An act for carrying into execution the treaty between the United States and Spain, concluded at Washington, the 22d of February, 1819."

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to continue in force for a further time the act, entitled 'An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes.'"

A motion was made by Mr. Storrs to amend the said bill, by striking out *June*, and inserting *February*, so as to limit the continuance of the said act to the first day of February, 182—, instead of the first day of June, 182—, as provided for in the said bill.

And, the question being taken to agree to this amendment, It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was accordingly read a third time; and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Sergeant moved that the several orders of the day which precede the bill authorizing Benjamin H. Rand, to import a certain piece of plate free of duty, be postponed, for the purpose of taking that bill into consideration. This motion was rejected by the House.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill authorizing the settlement of the accounts of the late Le Roy Opie, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

Mr. Fuller moved that the several orders of the day, which precede the bill to incorporate the United States Naval Association, for the relief of the families of deceased officers, be postponed for the purpose of taking that bill into consideration. This motion was rejected by the House.

Mr. Nelson, of Virginia, moved that the several orders of the day, which precede the bill to abolish imprisonment for debt, be postponed, for the purpose of taking that bill into consideration. This motion was rejected by the House.

Mr. Rhea moved that the several orders of the day, which precede the bill concerning invalid pensioners, be postponed, for the purpose of taking that bill into consideration. This motion was rejected by the House.

Mr. Samuel Moore moved that the several orders of the day, which precede the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act explanatory of the act for the relief of James Leander Cathcart," passed May 15th, 1820, be postponed for the purpose of taking that bill into consideration. This motion was rejected by the House.

Mr. Culpepper moved that the several orders of the day, which precede the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens, and Austis L. Sands, legal representatives of Richardson Sands, deceased, and others," be postponed, for the purpose of taking that bill into consideration. This motion was rejected by the House.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, moved that the several orders of the day, which precede the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of William Whitehead, and others," be postponed, for the purpose of taking that bill into consideration. This motion was rejected by the House.

A motion was made by Mr. Cannon, that the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the officers and volunteers engaged in the late

campaign against the Seminole Indians," be discharged from the consideration thereof.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act authorizing the settlement of the accounts of the late Le Roy Opie," was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson that the committee of the whole to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States within the state of Missouri," be discharged from the consideration thereof.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Cobb then moved that the several orders of the day which precede the said bill be postponed for the purpose of taking the same into consideration. This motion was also negatived by the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act establishing the salaries of the commissioners and agents appointed under the treaty of Ghent." They *insist* on their amendments, disagreed to by this House, to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to borrow a sum not exceeding four millions five hundred thousand dollars," and ask a conference upon the subject-matter of the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the said amendments; to which conference they have appointed managers on their part. The Senate *further insist* on their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1821," and ask a conference upon the subject-matter of the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the said amendments; to which conference they have appointed managers on their part. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the message from the Senate informing this House that they insist on their amendments, disagreed to by this House, to the bill entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to borrow a sum not exceeding four millions five hundred thousand dollars;" whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do recede from their disagreement to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the message from the Senate asking a conference upon the subject of the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1821:" whereupon

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the conference asked by the Senate upon the subject of the amendments depending to the said bill, and that managers be appointed to attend the same on their part.

Mr. Hardin, Mr. Tracy, and Mr. Cobb, were appointed managers in pursuance of the foregoing resolution.

Ordered, that the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Foot, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to continue in force an act, entitled 'An act regulating the currency within the United States of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain,' passed on the 29th day of April, 1816, so far as the same relates to the crowns and five franc pieces of France;" and

"An act for carrying into execution the treaty between the United States and Spain, concluded at Washington on the 22d day of February, 1819;" and found the same to be truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Wood moved that the several orders of the day which precede the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Ebenezer Stevens and Austin L. Sands, legal representatives of Richardson Sands, deceased, and others," be postponed, for the purpose of taking that bill into consideration. This motion was again rejected by the House.

Mr. Foot, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

"An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act for the regulating process in the courts of the United States;" and

"An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act for the gradual increase of the navy of the United States.'"

Mr. Foot also reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to continue in force for a further time the act, entitled 'An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes;" and found the same to be truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the settlement of the accounts of the late Le Roy Opie." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Cannon moved that the several orders of the day which precede the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the officers and volunteers engaged in the late campaign against the Seminole Indians," be postponed, for the purpose of taking that bill into consideration. This motion was again rejected by the House.

Mr. Beecher moved that the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act supplemental to an act, entitled 'An act to authorize the appointment of commissioners to lay out the road therein mentioned,'" be now read the second time.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole on the state of the Union be discharged from the further consideration of the bills from the Senate, entitled "An act providing for the adjudication and payment of claims arising under the treaty of amity, settlement, and limits, between the United States and his Catholic majesty;" and "An act to authorize the President of the United States to take possession of East and West Florida, and establish a temporary government therein;" and that the said bills lie on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Gouverneur, his Secretary, notifying that the President did this day approve and sign

"An act to amend an act, entitled "An act for regulating process in the courts of the United States;" and

"An act to amend the act, entitled "An act for the gradual increase of the navy of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have received official information that the President of the United States did this day approve and sign "An act to authorize the clerk of the district court of the United States for the district of Louisiana to appoint a deputy to aid him in the discharge of the duties of his office;"

"An act for passing to the credit of Nathaniel Allen certain moneys by him disbursed in the public service;"

"An act to revive and continue in force 'An act fixing the compensations of the Secretary of the Senate, and the Clerk of the House of Representatives; of the Clerks employed in their offices, and of the Librarian;' approved the 18th of April, 1818;"

"An act to extend the time for unloading vessels arriving from foreign ports in certain cases;"

"An act to amend an act, entitled "An act to provide for taking the fourth census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States, and for other purposes;"

"An act to extend the term of Samuel Parker's patents for his improvement in currying and finishing leather of all kinds;"

"An act for the relief of general Robert Swartwout;" and

"An act for the relief of Thomas Shields and others." And then he withdrew.

A motion was made by Mr. Rhea that the several orders of the day which precede the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the officers and volunteers engaged in the late campaign against the Seminole Indians," be postponed, for the purpose of taking that bill into consideration. This motion was again rejected by the House.

Mr. Foot, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to con-

tinues in force for a further time the act, entitled 'An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes.'

Mr. Foot also reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

"An act establishing the salaries of the commissioners and agents appointed under the treaty of Ghent;"

"An act to authorize the President of the United States to borrow a sum not exceeding five millions of dollars;" and

"An act authorizing the settlement of the accounts of the late Le Roy Opie;" and found the same to be truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Hardin, from the managers appointed on the part of this House to attend a conference with the managers appointed on the part of the Senate, upon the subject of the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments depending to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1821," reported, that they had met the managers on the part of the Senate, and conferred freely upon the subjects committed to them; that they had agreed to recommend to the House of Representatives to recede from their disagreement to the residue of the fourth amendment of the Senate, containing an appropriation for carrying into effect the treaty concluded on the 30th of July last, between the United States and the Kickapoo tribe of Indians; and that they could come to no agreement whatever upon the subject of the other amendments depending to the said bill.

Mr. Hardin then moved that this House adhere to their disagreement to the said amendments, with the exception of the residue of the fourth. Pending the question on this motion,

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary, as follows:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate recede from all their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1821." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Foot, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

"An act to continue in force an act, entitled "An act regulating the currency within the United States of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain," passed the 29th day of April, 1816, so far as the same relates to the crowns and five franc pieces of France;"

"An act for carrying into execution the treaty between the United States and Spain, concluded at Washington, on the 22d day of February, 1819;"

"An act establishing the salaries of the commissioners and agents appointed under the treaty of Ghent;"

"An act to authorize the President of the United States to borrow a sum not exceeding five millions of dollars;" and,

"An act authorizing the settlement of the accounts of the late Le Roy Opie."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to wait upon the President of the United States, and inform him that the two Houses of Congress are about to adjourn, if he has no further communications to make to them; and have appointed a committee on their part. And then he withdrew.

The said resolution was read, and concurred in by the House. And

Mr. Smith of Maryland, and Mr. Cushman, were appointed of the said committee, on the part of this House.

Mr. Darlington, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1821," and found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Taylor, the Speaker, rose and addressed the House as follows:

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

Deeply penetrated with a sense of the kindness and liberality, which, in terms, and from a source, the most flattering, have dictated the recent expression of your approbation, I shall ever esteem it the highest reward of my public services. If the duties of the Chair have been discharged in any degree to your satisfaction, it is attributable chiefly to those feelings of generosity which have covered my numerous errors, and which have rendered to purity of motive the deference due to superior merit. My inexperience has been compensated by your prudent counsels, and by a dignified deportment, which has seldom required the interposition of a presiding officer.

Entertaining, gentlemen, for every member of this House no other sentiment than respect and friendship; endeared to many by recollections of united deliberation and effort, in a period of great national embarrassment; and grateful to all for the magnanimous support which constantly has been afforded me; I shall never cease to rejoice in your individual welfare.

Carry with you, gentlemen, to the bosom of your families and friends my best wishes for your prosperity, and, under the protecting care of a benign Providence, may each of you enjoy the continued confidence of the wise and good, and largely contribute to perpetuate the union and glory of our common country.

Mr. Darlington, from the joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had presented to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1821."

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Gouverneur, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign "An act establishing the salaries of the commissioners and agents appointed under the treaty of Ghent;"

"An act authorizing the President of the United States to borrow a sum not exceeding five millions of dollars;"

"An act authorizing the settlement of the accounts of the late Le Roy Opie;" and,

"An act making appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1821."

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have received official information that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign "An act to continue in force, for a further time, the act, entitled 'An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes.'" And then he withdrew.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, from the joint committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that the two Houses of Congress are about to adjourn if he has no further communications to make to them, reported that the committee had waited upon the President of the United States, and was informed by him, that he had no further communications to make to Congress at the present session.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate, having completed the legislative business before them, are now ready to adjourn. And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform them that this House is also ready to adjourn, and that the Clerk do go with the said message.

The Clerk having gone with the said message, and being returned, The Speaker adjourned the House *sine die*.

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